

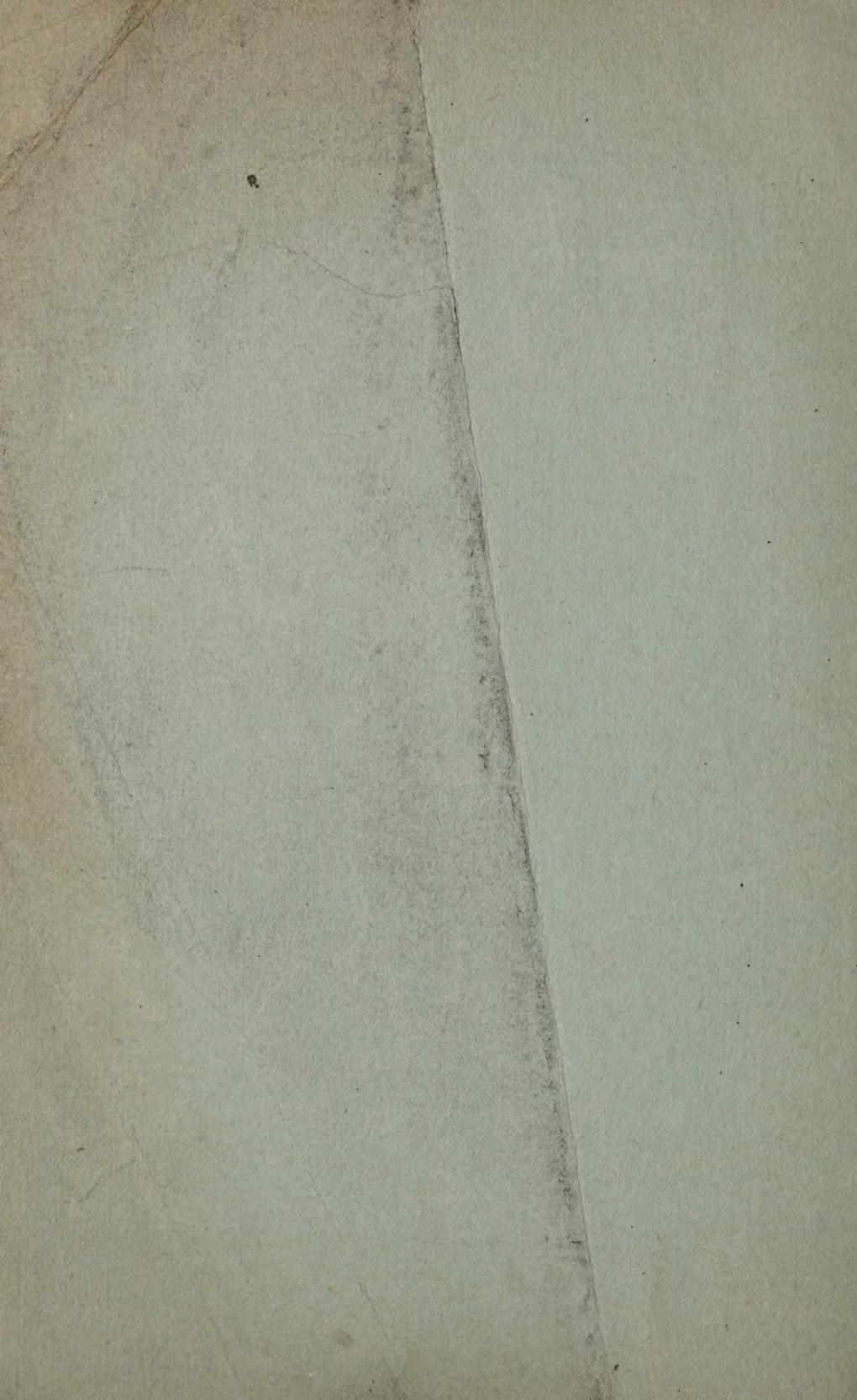
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Fayetteville Meeting, August 3-5, 1897.

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Goldsboro Meeting, July 26-28, 1898.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	J. W. Griffith, Secretary
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Greensboro Meeting, August 1-4, 1899.

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Wilmington Meeting, July 10-13, 1900.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
H. L. Riggins, 1st Vice-Pres.	T. A. Green, Treasurer
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Charlotte Meeting, July 23-26, 1901.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
H. L. Riggins, 1st Vice-Pres.	T. A. Green, Treasurer
W. S. Orr, 2nd Vice-Pres.	L. J. Taylor, Statistician

Raleigh Meeting, July 22-24, 1902.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
W. S. Orr, 1st Vice-Pres.	T. A. Green, Treasurer
A. H. Boyden, 2nd Vice-Pres.	L. J. Taylor, Statistician

Durham Meeting, August 2-4, 1903.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	T. A. Green, Treasurer
R. D. Douglass, 2d Vice-Pres.	Chas. Schnibben, Statistician

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Salisbury Meeting, August 2-4, 1904.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	T. A. Green, Treasurer
R. D. Douglass, 2d Vice-Pres.	L. H. Lumsden, Statistician

Winston-Salem Meeting, July 18-20, 1905.

Jas D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
J. F. Maddry, 2d Vice-Pres.	L. H. Lumsden, Statistician

Asheville Meeting, July 10-12, 1906.

Jas D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
J. F. Maddry, 2d Vice-Pres.	L. H. Lumsden, Statistician

Wilmington Meeting, August 6-10, 1907.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
J. F. Maddry, 2d Vice-Pres.	W. P. Monroe, Statistician

Wilmington Meeting, June 16-19, 1908.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	Jno. L. Miller, Seeretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
C. U. Harris, 2nd Vice-Pres.	W. P. Monroe, Statistician

Asheville Meeting, July 6-9, 1909.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	Jno. L. Miller, Seeretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
S. G. Bernard, 2d Vice-Pres.	W. P. Monroe, Statistician

Newbern Meeting, July 26-29, 1910.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	Jno. L. Miller, Seeretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
W. S. Orr, 2d Vice-Pres.	M. S. Davis, Statisticiean

Charlotte Meeting, May 16-19, 1911.

Jas. D. McNeill, President	Jno. L. Miller, Seeretary
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.	R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
A. M. Clark, 2d Vice-Pres.	M. S. Davis, Statisticiean

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A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
A. M. Clark, 2d Vice-Pres.

Jno. L. Miller, Secretary
R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
M. S. Davis, Statistician

Wilmington Meeting, August 12-15, 1913.

Jas. D. McNeill, President
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
A. M. Clark, 2d Vice-Pres.

Jno. L. Miller, Seeretary
R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
M. S. Davis, Statistician

Winston-Salem Meeting, August 4-7, 1914.

Jas. D. McNeill, President
Fayetteville, N. C.
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
Salisbury, N. C.
A. M. Clark, 2d Vice-Pres.
Southern Pines, N. C.

Jno. L. Miller, Seeretary
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Chas. Schenibben, Treasurer
Wilmington, N. C.
T. D. Davis, Statistician
Newbern, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The opening session of the twenty-seventh annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, August 4th, 1914, by Mr. James D. McNeill, president, in the Elks' auditorium, in the city of Winston-Salem, N. C.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen of the convention: Again it becomes my pleasant duty, as president of your association, to call to order the twenty-seventh annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and following our invariable rule and custom, it is eminently right and proper that we should seek the blessing of the Almighty God on our deliberations. It will ask you all to rise, while the Rev. H. T. Cocke, of the Episcopal Church, invokes the Divine blessing.

Rev. H. T. Cocke:

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we bow our heads before Thee, and implore Thy grace and protection upon us during this hour. Our gracious Father, let Thy Holy Spirit enter our hearts and purify our lives, and fill us with a holy sense of love to Thee and our fell men. We pray Thee that Thy mercy may rest upon these men who are gathered here from different parts of the State. Let Thy counsel rule over all, for the good of all, and grant, as they are filled with that zeal, giving themselves to the saving of the life and property of the commonwealth, that they may also be inspired with the value of life, their own and their brothers', and that it may be the means of filling them with courage and truth in all walks of life.

Grant also that they may consecrate themselves, not only in the moment of heroic deeds, but also in the quiet daily life, in the business of their streets, that they may live for Thee and with Thee, that they may do service for Thee, even to give a cup of cold water to one in need.

Let Thy love ever direct them, and as they go back to their homes, after their deliberations here, let them be blessed with holy enthusiasm for service, and consecration to Thee and Thy love, and live as those who have consecrated themselves to the Saviour of life. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who has taught us to say:

(Here all joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer).

Amen.

Vice President Clark, of Southern Pines, and Hon. James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, of Raleigh, having entered, are cheered as they take their seats on the platform.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen of the convention: This makes the third time that our association has met in this most prosperous city of the Piedmont section. The other two times, we were greeted with warm hearts, open arms, and the glad hand of the people. It gives me pleasure to present to you the illustrious representative of these people, Mayor O. B. Eaton.

Mr. O. B. Eaton:

Mr. President, officers and members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association:

It has been my privilege and pleasure, gentlemen, to welcome to our city, on many occasions, distinguished bodies of men, but this is the first time that I have ever appeared before an organization to welcome them, make a welcome address, without an invitation. I was simply notified this morning to be here, and I am here.

You can see, gentlemen, how the firemen of Winston-Salem do things. They are the Joshuas of Winston-Salem,—command the Mayor and board of aldermen to stand still and they obey. Whatever they do, gentlemen, goes.

You have heard the story of the Congress of Animals that met together to consider matters relatives to the animal kingdom, and the first question that arose who how they should vote. The coon took the platform and said: "Mr. Chairman, I move that we vote by raising the tail," and Mr. Fox seconded the motion, whereupon the

'possum jumped on the floor and said, "Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to that motion, it is a reflection on the 'possum race, and besides, Mr. Chairman, if that motion prevailed, the billy goat has already voted." (Laughter).

When the firemen of Winston-Salem want anything, or when we see them coming, we have already voted. (Applause).

I don't know, Mr. President and gentlemen—I suppose the firemen have made their arrangements different from the usual custom. Perhaps Chief Hopper was to make the welcome address, or Mr. Taylor, or Mr. Meinung, or else they thought I was like the colored man who came around to Mr. Holmes when they got the automobile fire truck: "Boss, I hear you have got one of them repeatable fire engines, that you can load up on Sunday and it is ready all the week. I want to see it." They thought I was already loaded and could just come in any time.

But, if there is any subject I like to talk about and any class of men that I like to speak to, it is the firemen. (Applause). I am like the old colored man, to whom was given an old, worn out, broken down cavalry horse; he carried him home, rubbed him up, fed and fattened him, got an old carriage and rolled out on the street, and hadn't gone far when a drummer rushed out, saw the carriage—he had just about three minutes to make his train—said, "Look here, Uncle, can't you carry me to the depot?" "I don't know boss whether I can or not, this is an old cavalry horse, worn out, and the depot is about a mile off." "Oh, well, if it is a cavalry horse, we will make it," said the drummer. "You get in behind, let me take the lines." He got in and called "Attention." The old horse pricked up his ears, straightened himself; "Charge!"—he shot out. Down the road he went, and after he had made a few jumps, he hollered "Charge!" to him again. As the old horse neared the depot, going at a 2:40 gait, the drummer pulled the lines, and said, "Halt!" and the old horse stopped. The drummer threw the old darkey a quarter. The old darkey said "Thank God, I have got my money and learned something, too." The next day he drove around, and another drummer ran out and started towards the depot, the darky "Boss, let me carry you down." "You can't carry me with that old horse." "Let me try." The drummer got in, the

darky raised the lines and said, "Tention." The horse straightened up: "Charge—" The horse shot out again down the street like a streak. The negro, hollering "charge," neared the depot, began to pull back on the lines, shot by the depot. The darky looked around and said, "Look out white man, take care of yourself, this horse has gone, I have lost the last word."

Mr. Chairman, I "have lost the last word," and I am liable to talk on till five o'clock this afternoon.

President McNeill:

Go ahead.

Mr. Eaton:

Mr. chairman and gentlemen, I shall always remember as one of the great pleasures of my life to have had the honor and privilege of welcoming to our city this body of men representing a great and growing organization, in the name and on behalf of the whole people of Winston-Salem, I extend that welcome, say to you that whatever things are in this city are yours. We have looked forward to this meeting with mingled feelings of pleasure and pride. We knew the worth and loyalty of the firemen, we knew the chivalry and courtesy characteristic of your distinguished body, and in the midst of our business life and energy and progress and push, warm hearts welcome you, and glad hands are extended in fraternal greeting.

I rejoice in the privilege of welcoming you and voicing the sentiment of every business organization and business office and citizen of this city, that we have pleasure in having you as our guests. You have met here to review the events of the past year, perfect your organization, to counsel and advise with one another how best to serve and promote its interest and widen and enlarge its sphere of usefulness, so that the cities and towns from which you come may have the highest sense of security and protection and the highest development.

It is difficult, Mr. President, to estimate the importance of this meeting, or the solemnity of its duties. Firemen throughout North Carolina have confided to you the guardianship of its growth and the formation of its policies. It is for you, gentlemen, to lay plans and advise ways and means to lead fire fighting to a higher grade of efficiency and

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this organization places it in a more commanding position of power and usefulness and importance. It is for you, Mr. President and Gentlemen, to exercise, through this organization, an influence upon the law making bodies of the State, so as to obtain equitable and salutary laws. I trust that you will have the patience and courage to legislate and plan wisely and well.

We welcome you because you constitute one of the most useful and important organizations of our State. You rightfully belong to the great fraternity of working men, bred and born to work, and this honorable work, written upon your brow by the hand of the Almighty, identifies you with all classes of working men, whether of hand or brain.

Your organization has come to stay, created by the necessities of business life and by the genius of men who have invented, step by step, the methods that are inseparable in modern business life, without which we could not undertake to do what we accomplish every day.

The most essential part of your great organization is not the organization itself; it is the intelligent brain, the sense of truth and honor that preside in the men who are conducting it and making it a mighty power for good in the State.

We welcome you because you constitute one of the most economic forces of any city department. We are spending thousands—our city and the cities you represent—sending thousands and thousands of dollars in the maintenance of streets, water works, sewers, lighting, police protection—and I am not trying to minimize the importance or value of any or all of these—but for every dollar invested in a well managed fire department, thousands of dollars are saved by protecting property, adding to the material wealth of our city. Commerce, we all know, is the vanguard of civilization, and wherever commerce goes, there must go the blessings of science and arts. Of them, there is none greater than the science of fire fighting, throwing around the home and business a sense of security and protection that could not be otherwise obtained. How great and how far reaching in its effects is the unselfish service of men freely given in the time of peril and danger. Here we touch the foundation of the nation's safety and of the people's safety. It is a dreary outlook for any State, however

wise her rulers, however splendid her industrial progress, when there is no greatness in the people equal to the emergency in hours of danger. We welcome you, Mr. President and Gentlemen, because you represent loyalty and duty.

It is said, the great city of Pompeii was destroyed by volcanic eruption, and buried under thousands of feet of debris; years afterwards, when exhumed, people were found in various situations, some were found in the street, some in subterranean vaults, some in other places, but the Roman sentry was found standing by the city gate, where he had been placed by his captain, with his hand on his weapon; there, while the earth shook beneath him, there while clouds of ashes and cinders overwhelmed him, he stood at his post, and there, after a thousand years he was found. Like the Roman sentinel, the firemen of North Carolina, all over this State, in by-ways and cities, are standing ready to report for duty, the merchant, at the sound of the bell, drops his yardstick, the book-keeper his pen, the blacksmith his hammer, the carpenter his saw, the bricklayer his trowel, the sailor his goose, and the shoemaker his awl, and rushes to the scene.

Gentlemen, a story is told, in the late war, of a young man who was placed in charge of an army store. One day the alarm was sounded of battle, and the young man left his post, and all day long, he could be seen in the thickest of the fight, leading the charge, and he seemed to be inspired. The next day he was arraigned before the court-martial for deserting his post. He said, "My father told me, when I left home, if there was any fighting going on, I must always be in the thickest. You may shoot me if you want to, but when there is any fighting going on, you may as well get some one else to guard your dinged old stuff, I am going." (Applause). And, when the business men know there is a fire in any city in North Carolina going on, business men in those cities have to get somebody else to guard their stuff, because the firemen have gone.

Gentlemen, in the presence of a certain danger, and in a common conflict, men have poured out their life blood upon their country's altar, and their names have been embalmed in the memory of men; but nowhere in our land have men shown more courage or loyalty to duty than the brave firemen, who respond to the midnight call and face

the storm and the night, and beats back death from the humble home and saves life and property.

We welcome you, Mr. President, because the fireman illustrates determination. Gentlemen, that is the success of the fireman, judgment and determination. I read a story of an old man way back in the day of Rome. He conceived the idea that Carthage must be destroyed, and every day this old fellow would get up and say "Carthage must be destroyed." His fellow citizens thought he was a crank, and the people thought he was crazy, but he hammered away for twenty years, that all he said, every day, making that little speech. After a while that idea caught fire in the Roman empire. One day the mightiest fleet that ever sailed on any sea left Rome for Carthage and destroyed it.

Mr. President, and gentlemen, of the Firemen's Association of North Carolina, keep up your determination and your fight. Some day these ideas that you stand for, by your indomitable will, will take fire in the minds of the people of North Carolina, and will be written in the laws of our State. (Applause.)

I hope, gentlemen, that your sojourn with us will be pleasant and prosperous, that this meeting will be memorable for the good accomplished, an inspiration for your noble fight for the homes and the best interests of our State. I trust, gentlemen, that you will carry away with you pleasant recollections of your visit.

We open wide our gates to receive you, and give you a most hearty welcome.

President McNeill:

Mr. Eaton, let me personally and officially express my grateful appreciation to you, sir, for your eloquent address, instructive and interesting to us all.

Now, sir, might I, in behalf of this organization, present to you Dr. Fleming of Eastern North Carolina, who will respond in behalf of all of us to your eloquent words.

Dr. Fleming:

Gentlemen of North Carolina, State Firemen's Association, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I was very much interested in the story of the jungle.

told by His Honor, the Mayor, and was thoroughly convinced, before he had finished that he was some goat himself. He has said everything that is to be said.

It it with great pleasure that I have the honor to respond to such a hearty welcome, extended from Winston-Salem through its Mayor. It is a pleasure for us to meet him. It is an ideal city and a city that does things, a city in which everybody does something. It is an industrial center, and there is no convention that ever meets within its borders that does not feel perfectly at home.

We meet you as firemen from all over the State. We have some very good fire companies to come here, but we must doff our hat to Winston-Salem's companies; they have put out all the fires, and incidentally put out the hot weather for us.

It was just twenty years ago today, in Winston-Salem, that this organization did itself proud by electing the present executive officer. (Applause.) The man who has held it continuously for twenty years, a man that it will take only one vote to defeat, and that vote will be cast by the Creator, and take him to his long seat.

This esthusiastic welcome that we have received from your Mayor today, reminds me that we are only firemen, and probably he has poured it on a little enthusiastic—it makes me think of the story of the colony negroes that went out west to farm. They had farmed and farmed and farmed, and every year got poorer and poorer, and finally they decided that they would have a meeting and pray for the actual necessities. They went over to Kansas, got a noted prayer, met in a little church, turned the lamp down. The lesser lights offered a few prayers, and called on this old brother, who started off and said, "Oh, Lord, we pray Thee, send us 5,000 barrels of flour, we pray Thee send us 100 sides of meat, we pray Thee send us 400 bushels of meal, we pray Thee send us 800 bushels of pepper—" Somebody raised up and said: "Stop, that is too much pepper."

I don't think we ought to stop the Mayor. He certainly has brought the pepper and we appreciate the welcome.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen of the Convention: We have with us a very prominent State official, and in the name of the State of

North Carolina, I ask Mr. Young to express the appreciation of the State and citizens of Winston-Salem of our cordial reception here:

Mr. Jas. R. Young:

Mr. President and Gentlemen: It affords me great pleasure to be here at your meeting today, and I assure you it is with especial pleasure that I comply with the request of your President, and in behalf of the State of North Carolina, express to Mayor Eaton and the citizens of Winston-Salem our thanks for the welcome that they are extending to the firemen of the State of North Carolina.

I recognize the fact that you are not only firemen in your individual city, but also men throughout the State and here in your representative capacity. I feel I can, in your behalf and in behalf of the State, extend our thanks for the cordial reception that you have met, and may I tell you, if I am not revealing a trade secret, that there is more to follow, so you will get it not only in the talk of Mayor Eaton, but it will come out, and he has not told you the half of what you are going to get here in Winston.

Now, I don't want to take up your time, but say to you that I always feel close to the firemen of the State.

It is through my department that the State, in her official capacity, is connected with the firemen, and I find that, whether organized or not, every town in the State is spreading out and getting better fire protection, and doing more for the prevention of fires, so I feel like saying the prayers are about being answered and much good being accomplished.

Mr. Mayor, to you, and through you to the citizens, I want, on behalf of the State, to express our appreciation of the cordial welcome you are extending to our firemen.

President McNeill:

To show that this Association is absolutely non-sectarian and non-political, I am going to ask our Southern-Yankee, to express a Southernized Yankee's appreciation.

Mr. Clark, of Southern Pines:

Mr. Chairman, Your Honor, the Mayor, and the Fire Fighters of North Carolina:

I want to correct the President in his declaration to you.

More than a quarter of a century have I been a Tar Heel, and the yankee part of me is gone.

Boys, this is one of the times that I feel that I am not equal to the occasion.

His Honor, the Mayor, made a most wonderful speech of welcome but it was the easiest thing in the world to do. If there is a Mayor of any municipality in North Carolina or on earth that could not make a welcome speech to you boys, he ought to be turned down next election.

It is a hard thing to reply to a speech of welcome, but so easy to make a speech of welcome to that kind of material.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I ask you, sir, to tell these boys to rise to their feet, and bow their heads a moment in memory of our brothers, Chief Wallace and Glenn, and my speech is ended.

President McNeill:

Rise a moment, and I trust, when our memorial session comes in the regular order of our ritual, you will all be present then and join in the tribute to those men who lost their lives in the line of their duty as firemen.

(Here the men rise and bow their heads.)

President McNeill:

Mr. Mayor, Gentlemen of the Convention, Citizens who are here: This in reality closes what may be called the opening ceremonies of this Convention. Our meetings are open to all, not only the officers but all citizens of Winston-Salem. We do everything as we fight fire, out in the open, and while it is true that we have with us athletic games, contesting of trained men to make themselves more efficient, I want to tell you delegates to the Convention, that you have been sent here by your organizations for a higher and greater purpose, which is to look after the business affairs of this organization, which has in its charge thousands and thousands of dollars that have been given to it by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, by an Act enacted through your own leaders, for the purpose of what? To enable me to sign a voucher for the mother of Chief Wallace, a voucher for the widow of ex-Chief Glenn, to say to those children that never shall they suffer destitution as

long as the hearts beats in you and men. It is your duty to safe-guard that fund, to see that it is properly collected, properly distributed, and to manage the great business affairs of this Association, that has grown from almost nothing twenty years ago until today it is an organization that I am proud to claim is the greatest commercial asset that North Carolina possesses.

Now, Gentlemen of the Convention, before we get down to business, it is absolutely necessary to know who comprises this Convention. Your different companies have elected two of you as delegates, two as alternates, to take the place of those delegates, if prevented from being present, also sent chiefs and assistant chiefs, superintendents of water and other departments here to legislate and vote, and pass such laws and regulations as necessary for our future government, I shall now order a recess of five minutes. It is now necessary, Mr. Secretary, to call the roll, and as the roll is called, let the individuals come forward and each delegate get his badge.

The Secretary has made a suggestion. As the general order is to always read the minutes of the previous association, this Association has adopted the rule to hand out a copy of the minutes to the members now, and when the reading of the minutes is called at the afternoon session, any objection you see can be corrected.

At the suggestion of a member, it is announced that one member can come forward as each department is called, and get the badges and minutes, for such department.

(The Secretary here calls the roll and distributes the badges.)

President McNeill appoints a Committee on Credentials, to report at the first meeting after dinner, and requests said Committee to meet immediately after the present meeting and have their report ready by the afternoon session, which committee is as follows:

Credentials Committee.

E. P. Meredith, chairman.

D. D. Daughtridge.

W. A. Brown.

L. L. Wallman.

R. G. Jones.
L. B. Thomas.
P. S. B. Parker.
J. H. McLelland.

It is announced that there will be an exhibition of the Pompier life saving equipment, and scaling the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company building.

President McNeill:

I want to say further, that I want every delegate, if possible, to be present at the afternoon session, at the Board of Trade rooms. The management of this auditorium has given us the use of it for this session. He is running his auditorium for pay and not for glory, but has donated it this morning, so we will meet at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon, and at the court house tonight.

At the afternoon session, I am especially anxious for every delegate and chief and assistant chief and fire inspector to be there. I have arranged with the chief of Raleigh to repeat at this meeting an address that he made at the meeting of the Mayors, which is most instructive and interesting and of value to every fireman in the State upon the great subject of fire waste laws and fire inspection. Mayor, you are interested, every one of us is interested, and I hope all the Board of Aldermen will be at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon.

(This address, however, was not delivered until the evening session.)

Now I know of nothing else to command our attention, until we get the report of the Committee on Credentials, to know who becomes the voting strength of this meeting.

Secretary Miller: In order that this Credentials Committee may have all the information they desire, my record discloses the fact that the following credentials are not in. The towns that I now call have not forwarded their delegates. If they are in the building, please come forward:

Benson.
Dunn.

Red Springs.
Roanoke Rapids.
Edenton.
Elizabeth City.
Goldsboro Electric Reel Team.
Rockingham.
Warrenton.

After some discussion as to the most desirable hour for the next meeting, this meeting adjourned to meet at the Board of Trade rooms at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen of the Convention: When we adjourned at the Auditorium, we adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock. That hour has now arrived. It is suggested that I wait five minutes until the other members arrive. What is your pleasure?

A member:

I suggest that we wait five minutes.

President McNeill:

We will take a recess for five minutes until the other members arrive.

President McNeill:

Is the Committee on Credentials ready to report?

Chairman of Committee:

Yes, sir, I will ask Mr. Miller to read the report.

Mr. Miller:

The following, which will be read, now constitutes the Convention as it has been reported by this Committee:

President McNeill:

Gentlemen, please pay attention. The names read now are those who have a right to vote in this Convention.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**ASHEVILLE.**

Hose Co. No. 1—E. W. Davis, L. E. Trantham, delegates; C. M. Warren, E. M. Isreal, alternates; J. H. Wood, chief; L. W. Jeanette, assistant chief.

Hose Co. No. 2—H. Frank Hill, W. V. Wilson, delegates; B. F. Mathews, George Brown, alternates; R. B. Hamton, superintendent fire alarm; Wm. Francis, superintendent water works.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1—S. A. Reetor, Jno. O'Donnell, Delegates; J. V. Hilderbrand, E. D. Penland, alternates; A. G. Barnett, fire marshal.

BENSON.

Fire company—Not represented.

BILTMORE.

Fire Company—A. H. Jones, delegate; J. C. Lipe, alternate; J. C. Lipe, chief.

BURLINGTON.

Fire Company No. 1—B. M. Walker, J. Z. Waller, Delegates; W. R. Sellars, Geo. Bradshaw, alternates; J. T. Love, chief; Chas. O. Walker, assistant chief; C. V. Heritage, superintendent fire alarm.

CHAPEL HILL.

Fire Company No. 1—J. V. Huskey, E. T. Hutchins, delegates; Thos, Lynch, Oley Goode, alternates; Jno. L. Foster, chief; A. C. Pickard, assistant chief.

CHARLOTTE.

Station No. 1—W. H. Palmer, W. A. Cruse, delegates; E. G. Erwin, Chas. Muse, alternates; J. H. Wentz, chief; A. E. Moody, assistant chief; W. A. Cruse, superintendent fire alarm.

Station No. 2—W. L. Deveraux, J. H. Elliott, delegates; C. W. Todd, W. B. Glenn, alternates.

Station No. 3—Caral Alexander, J. A. Lawing, delegates; W. M. Matthews, J. W. McQueen, alternates.

CONCORD.

Chemical Co. No. 1—A. M. Faggart, E. M. Heatheock, delegates; W. B. Dorton, J. M. Mabrey, alternates; R. A. Sappenfield, chief; C. H. Peck, assistant chief.

Hose Company No. 2—J. H. Dorton, E. G. Sherrill, delegates; J. C. Foil, O. T. Brumley, alternates.

Cannonville Reel Team—D. D. Nash, A. P. Furr, delegates; S. N. Nash, H. L. Ketner, alternates.

CHESTNUT HILL (Salisbury.)

South Side Reel Team No. 1—M. A. Shank, B. A. Meredith, delegates; Geo. O. Kluttz, chief; J. G. Reeves, assistant chief.

CARTHAGE.

Hose Company No. 1—C. M. Muse, delegate; C. F. Leavitt, chief; C. McLeod, assistant chief.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2—W. R. Clegg, delegates.

Hose Co. No. 3—A. McDonald, delegate.

DUNN.

Lucknow Reel Team—H. C. McNeill, chief; L. W. Bizzell, superintendent waterworks.

Winnie Davis Reel Team—Not represented.

DURHAM.

Hose Co. No. 1—M. R. New, delegate; W. P. Brown, alternate; D. C. Christian, chief; B. C. Canada, assistant chief.

Hose Company No. 2—J. V. Lassiter, delegate; J. E. Johnson, alternate; J. C. Michie, superintendent water works; H. Bolton, assistant superintendent waterworks.

Hose Co. No. 3—J. H. Poole, delegate; C. N. Irvin, alternate.

Hook and Ladder Co.—W. W. Teer, delegate; N. G. Birchett, alternate.

EAST SPENCER.

Fire Company—C. A. Sides, S. A. Earnhardt, delegates; C. W. Waller, Roy Pethel, alternates; S. A. Earnhardt, chief; A. R. Hahn, assistant chief.

EDENTON.

Hose Company No. 1—Not represented.

Hose Company No. 2—Not represented.

Hose Company No. 3—Not represented.

ELIZABETH CITY.

City Fire Co. No. 1—D. G. Brockett, chief, Geo. W. Bell, assistant chief. Not represented.

FAYETTEVILLE.

Fire Co. No. 1—J. J. Jerigan, L. W. Newton, delegates; R. G. Jones, Jos. Flairecloth, alternates; Jas. D. McNeill, chief; W. T. Jones, assistant chief.

Chicora S. F. Eng. Co.—H. C. Atkinson, W. R. Williams, delegates; W. H. Kyle, C. B. Ledbetter, alternates;

FREMONT.

Fire Company—Wiley E. Aycock, Frank S. Hooks, delegates; Jno. L. Hare, chief; Wiley Aycock, assistant chief.

GASTONIA.

Fire Department—V. G. Grier, delegates V. G. Grier, chief; Coit Clever, assistant chief.

GRAHAM.

Hose Company No. 1—W. S. Long, Jr., Lon G. Turner, delegates; Boyd Trolinger, Clarence Bradshaw, alternates; E. P. McClure, chief, J. P. McAdams, assistant chief.

Hose Company No. 2—D. S. Welch, McBride Rich, delegates.

GOLDSBORO.

Fire Company No. 1—Joe Denmark, W. L. Lane, delegates; Max Cohen, chief; L. Yelverton, assistant chief.

Electric Reel Team—Not represented.

GREENSBORO.

Steam F. Eng. Co. No. 1—C. A. Davis, D. A. Ballinger, delegates; E. A. Cox, J. W. Donavant, alternates; F. N. Taylor, chief.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1—Jno. T. Cox, Jno. Dalton, delegates; W. R. Pleasant, Ed. V. Bain, alternates.

South Side Hose Co., No. 4—H. C. B. Guthrie, E. J. Mendenhall, delegates; W. R. Elliott, R. D. Douglass, alternates.

West End Hose Co.—J. C. Knight, A. F. Silon, delegates; W. R. Tomlinson, F. A. Watson, alternates.

Eagle Hose Co. No. 7—G. R. Shaw, L. A. Wyrick, delegates; J. J. Smith, W. B. Lynch, alternates.

GREENVILLE.

Hope Fire Company—H. L. Allen, B. G. Albritton, delegates; D. C. Beach, Jarvis Campbell, alternates; D. D. Overton, chief; C. E. Rountree, assistant chief.

HENDERSON.

Hose Company No. 1—Austin C. Allen, J. G. Jordan, delegates; C. G. Cornwell, F. W. Satterwaite, alternates; E. C. Faulkner, chief.

HICKORY.

Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1—W. F. Bruns, R. J. Hitt, delegates; L. G. Sherrill, T. S. Keener, alternates; H. E. Whitener, chief; E. D. Yoder, assistant chief; L. D. Fry, superintendent fire alarm.

HIGH POINT.

North Side Hose Co.—R. O. Holdbrooks, W. F. Taylor, delegates; J. W. Welch, G. J. George, alternates; A. B. Horney, chief; Jno. H. Long, assistant chief.

Motor Hose and Chemical Co. No. 2—W. L. Helper, J. L. Snyder, delegates; J. H. Samuel, J. L. Snyder, alternates.

West End Fire Co.—H. U. Oakes, J. M. Teague, delegates; T. E. Valentine, Horace I. James, alternates.

KINSTON.

Caswell Fire Co. No. 1—J. C. Dail, J. F. Hooker, Jr., delegates; L. O. Mosely, A. W. Taylor, alternates; T. V. Mosely, chief; D. F. Wooten, assistant chief.

Hose Company No. 2—Lonnie Buck, Frank Brown, delegates; E. B. Wells, H. V. Allen, alternates.

LEXINGTON.

Hose Company No. 1—John Craver, Chas. Leonard, delegates; R. A. Weaver, R. L. Leonard, alternates; P. V. Crichter, chief.

Hose Co. No. 2—Limsie Ling, J. A. Easter, delegates; E. C. Hayes, C. B. Yates, alternates.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3—W. H. Raker, delegate; L. E. Miller, J. W. Palmer, alternates.

LINCOLNTON.

Fire Company—J. O. Shuford, Tom Harrill, delegates; Jno. Heim, A. W. Welber, alternates; G. W. McAlister, chief; J. O. Shuford, assistant chief; W. L. Kesler, superintendent waterworks.

LENOIR.

Hose Co. No. 1—G. C. Courtney, J. D. Matheson, delegate; J. L. Cottrell, F. T. Sherrill, alternates; G. C. Courtney, chief; J. L. Cottrell, fire marshal.

LOUISBURG.

Fire Co. No. 1—W. N. Fuller, N. B. Alsbrooks, delegates; J. A. Harris, W. D. Jackson, alternates; S. P. Boddie, chief; B. N. Williamson, assistant chief.

Cheatham Reel Team—J. A. Turner, S. B. Nash, delegates; F. B. McKinne, O. Y. Yarboro, alternates.

LUMBERTON.

Fire Department—J. P. Townsend, G. T. Page, delegates; H. C. Rogers, E. J. Pope, alternates; J. P. Townsend, chief.

MORGANTON.

Fire Co. No. 1—Fred Ross, Andrew Bell, delegates; W. A. Leslie, chief; W. I. Davis, assistant chief.

Junior Reel Team—Jas. Kirksey, Mallard Hennessee, delegates; F. J. Wortman, superintendent fire alarm.

MOREHEAD CITY.

Fire Company—Clarence Taylor, Chas. S. Wallace; delegates; Earl Piner, George Adams, alternates; G. L. Arthur, chief; Dr. B. F. Loyal, assistant chief.

MONROE.

Fire Co. No. 1—H. W. Austin, chief. Not represented.

MOUNT AIRY.

Fire Department—A. E. Hull, C. W. Davis, delegates; R. L. James, W. W. Sleet, alternates; C. W. Davis, chief; W. H. Brannock, assistant chief.

MOORESVILLE.

Volunteer Fire Co.—W. J. Bass, C. A. Trantham, delegates; W. D. Brown, J. F. Fairchild, alternates; J. H. McLellan, chief; D. E. Turner, assistant chief; J. L. Donald, superintendent water words; J. A. Harrill, superintendent fire alarm.

NEWBERN.

Atlantic S. F. Eng. Co.—L. L. Wallman, J. H. Nelson, delegates; A. A. Kafer, M. L. Hall, alternates; T. T. Lassiter, chief; T. D. Davis, assistant chief.

Steam F. Eng. Co.—R. C. Whitley, L. R. Tucker, delegates; E. J. Pate, R. D. Sparrow, alternates.

Riverside Hose Co.—Wm. F. Hadder, Claud Miller, delegates; Tend Stewart, Clarence Marshlem, alternates.

Fourth Ward Vol. Co. No. 1—H. H. Tooker, W. M. Styron, delegates; Jack Styron, Garland Eastward, alternates.

OXFORD.

Edwards Hook and Ladder Co.—Elvin L. Parham, E. T. Crews, delegates; Wade H. Britt; Jno. A. Williams, alternates; Robt. J. Ward, chief; Jno. A. Williams, assistant chief.

RALEIGH.

Fire Department—H. H. Horton, M. J. Barker, delegates; W. W. Hill, A. J. Martin, alternates; S. Brockwell, chief; Chas. D. Farmer, assistant chief.

Rsecue Hose Co. No. 1—Not represented.

RED SPRINGS.

Fire Company—Not represented.

REIDSVILLE.

Fire Company—J. T. Richardson, chief. Not represented.

ROCKINGHAM.

Fire Company—Not represented.

ROANOKE RAPIDS.

Fire Company—Not represented.

ROCKY MOUNT.

Steam Fire Eng. Co.—H. A. Willeford, J. W. Thurman, delegates; John B. Brooks, William Soden, alternates; D. D. Daughridge, chief; W. S. Moye, assistant chief.

Reel Company No. 1—S. Felton, L. D. Daughridge, delegates; L. D. Eason, A. M. Sadler, alternates.

SALEM.

Rough and Ready Fire Co.—Walter J. Hege, Alfred Johnson, delegates; Jeff Kirkman, George Peddicord, alternates; F. C. Meinung, chief; Walter J. Hege, assistant chief.

SALISBURY.

Hose Company—J. C. Kesler, J. J. Cuddihy, delegates; D. A. Holdbrooks, M. G. West, alternates; W. A. Brown, chief; D. L. Sides, assistant chief.

Engine Company—J. A. Hess, T. M. Casey, delegates; D. A. Holdbrooks, M. G. West, alternates.

SANFORD.

Hose Company No. 1—D. L. Seymore, A. P. King, delegates; O. P. Makepeace, J. R. Kelly, alternates; J. R. Ingram, chief.

SOUTHERN PINES.

Hose Company No. 1—F. P. Viall, W. J. Blue, delegates; S. R. Newton, G. R. Chatfield, alternates; A. M. Clark, chief; J. T. Dillehay, assistant chief.

Hose Company No. 2—A. S. Ruggles, J. E. Cain, delegates; N. W. Cain, F. S. Burgess, alternates.

Hook and Ladder Co.—J. A. Vielly, H. C. McLeod, delegates; W. E. Crain, J. T. Ellis, alternates.

SPENCER.

Volunteer Fire Department—W. H. Burton, W. G. Burton, delegates; W. H. Burton, chief; J. H. Benton, assistant chief.

Shop Team—E. M. Cauble, W. D. Morgan, delegates; A. T. Sweet; Chasile Fisher, alternates; E. M. Cauble, chief; W. D. Morgan, assistant chief.

STATESVILLE.

Fire Department—W. L. Neely, A. W. Cooper, delegates; E. E. Plyler, Geo. Ayers, alternates; C. W. Conner, chief; T. W. Kerr, assistant chief; W. L. Neely, superintendent water works.

TARBORO.

Hook and Ladder Co.—W. D. Bryan, P. R. Riggans, delegates; E. C. Austin, G. L. Hielbruner, alternates; P. L. McCabe, chief; E. R. Morris, assistant chief; E. P. Meredith, superintendent water works.

THOMASVILLE.

Fire Department—L. B. Thomas, J. C. Norwood, delegates; E. M. Yokely, Wade Welsh, alternates; J. W. Mallard, chief.

WASHINGTON.

Ocean S. F. Eng. Co.—H. G. Winfield, delegates.

Phoenix Hook and Ladder Co.—P. P. Maxwell, delegate; Geo. T. Leach, chief; C. M. Winfield, assistant chief.

Volunteer Hose Co. No. 1—Lyle Smith, W. A. Blount, Jr., delegates; E. K. Willis, alternate.

West End Hose Co.—O. M. Winfield, H. A. Watson, delegates; W. S. Winfield, G. N. Leggett, alternates.

WILMINGTON.

Engine Co. No. 1—H. W. Wright, H. T. Furger, delegates; J. H. Leitgen, T. B. Jackson, alternates; Chas. Sehnibbins, chief; W. P. Monroe, assistant chief; G. T. Williamson, superintendent fire alarm.

Engine Co. No. 2—C. N. Brewer, delegate; E. W. Coliner, R. F. Thompson, alternates.

Hook and Ladder No. 1—A. J. Burriss, J. L. Croom, delegates; J. F. Zellers, J. O. Faircloth, alternates.

Chemical Co. No. 1—G. G. Smith, P. N. Fick, Jr., delegates; W. B. Carroll, G. T. Williamson, alternates.

Hose Co. No. 3—L. Freimuth, L. L. King, delegates; L. R. Frost, W. H. Merritt, alternates.

Fire Boat Atlantic Co.—J. H. Lietgen, delegate; Asa Burris.

WINSTON.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1—Wood Richmond, J. N. Davis, delegates; Salim Daye, W. W. Tesh, alternates; R. L. Hopper, chief.

Steamer Co. No. 1—L. J. Brown, B. W. Allen, delegates, J. R. Allred, T. S. Rothrock, alternates; Jno. H. Holmes, superintendent fire alarm.

Steamer Co. 2—R. M. Tuttle, R. F. Gass, delegates; T. P. McNulty, O. O. Peddycord, alternates.

Liberty Hose Co. No. 3—J. H. Cofer, W. J. Hanes, delegates; L. A. Locke, R. H. Brewer, alternates.

West End Hose Co. No. 5—Chas. E. Tesh, W. H. Thompson, delegates; W. E. Peddycord, F. H. Hemric, alternates.

WILSON.

Chemical Hose Co. No. 1—L. K. Wilkins, O. G. Duke, delegates; R. B. Poole, C. H. Killette, alternates; E. F. Killette, chief; A. L. Lancaster, assistant chief.

WARRENTON.

Fire Department—Not represented.

E. P. MEREDITH, Chairman,
D. D. DAUGHRIDGE,
W. A. BROWN,
L. L. WALLMAN,
R. G. JONES,
L. B. THOMAS,
P. S. B. HARPER.

President McNeill:

Are there any companies present now by delegates entitled to representation, whose names have not been

called? There seems to be none. Read the Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of the Companies.

Here Mr. Miller read the names of the Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen of the Convention, are there any present entitled to representation whose names have not been called?

A Member:

I don't think he called Superintendent of Waterworks, Tarboro, or Assistant Chief. Superintendent of Waterworks of Statesville.

Mr. Miller:

I would like to have their names.

The following names were added: W. L. Neely, Statesville; W. L. Kestler, Lincolnton; E. P. Meredith, Superintendent Waterworks, Tarboro.

President McNeill:

The next business in regular order will be the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. As you will recall, they were distributed to you at the morning session. Do any of you note any omissions or corrections that are necessary, or any alterations that ought to be made? If not, we will entertain a motion to have them approved, or in the event there is no motion made, the matter might stand over to the evening session. Perhaps you can find something. What is the wish of the Convention?

Member from Sanford:

I would like to have a matter corrected on page 15. You have "Mayor Glass." It ought to be "Mayor Bass."

This correction is made.

President McNeill:

Any other corrections or omissions, does anything occur that the Secretary has not got in, that is of any importance to any of your departments?

A motion was made and duly seconded that the minutes, printed copies of which were in the hands of the members,

be approved, and same was unanimously adopted. The minutes thereupon were declared by the President to be the official records of the Association.

President McNeill:

The next business is the reading of the reports of your officers. With your permission, as President of your Association, I will read my report to you:

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT MCNEILL BEFORE 1914 MEETING.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

My Friends and Gentlemen: It again becomes my duty to render unto you an account of my stewardship as executive head of your organization, since our last meeting in Wilmington.

I had intended and hoped to be able to take the time from my other duties to visit a number of new departments, and interest them in becoming members of our association, but finding that it was almost impossible for me to do so I delegated this work to our most capable secretary, and asked him to do so, which he has done with good results.

As our roll shows, every department of any importance in the State is now a member of this organization. In fact, they have to be in order to get the benefits of our relief fund.

During the year, I have audited 52 claims, amounting to \$1,186.05 for the details of which I respectfully refer you to the reports of our secretary and treasurer, whose valued services I commend to your kindly consideration.

While the most of these claims were for minor injuries, it is with the deepest regret that I have to report the most disastrous loss of life, ever before in the history of our Association, that of Chief Wallace and ex-Chief Glenn, of the Charlotte department, who on June last, while in the line of their duty, were killed by an explosion of dynamite, and other of their comrades were more or less injured at the same time.

It was indeed an unfortunate occasion, and only goes to show how dangerous and uncertain is the fate that looks every fireman in the face, when he is doing his duty—even

when he least expects it. As the representative of this body, I attended the double funeral of our comrades, and had appropriate floral designs placed upon each casket, as a mark of our sorrow and esteem. I have also approved the death benefits for the mother and wife of the deceased, which have been paid.

The attendance of quite a number of visiting chiefs and representative firemen from different parts of the State, and the many telegrams and letters of sympathy from the several departments, were certainly much appreciated by the families of our dead comrades and the Charlotte fire department. I would ask that a special page of our minutes be assigned as a memorial to their memory.

The business affairs of your Association have been managed in a businesslike manner, and are in good shape, as your auditing committee will undoubtedly show.

Realizing the importance of the enforcement of the Fire Waste Laws, I have asked Chief Brockwell, of the Raleigh fire department, to repeat a very able address on that subject that he made at the Municipal Convention at Charlotte. I commend its importance to you all.

Before we meet again, there will be another session of our State Legislature, and as experience has taught us that there are some changes necessary in our legislative laws, I would recommend the appointment of a special committee of our best and most intelligent members to revise and have such changes made in our laws as in their judgement is best for the good of the Association.

My comrades, just 20 years ago, we met in this hospitable city for the first time. At that meeting I was first honored with the presidency of this Association.

At that time we were in a rather disorganized condition; threatened with dissolution and financially embarrassed; with factions engendered by jealousies and unseemly rivalry. From that meeting, however, we seemed to take on a new inspiration, and, seeking the co-operation of the best men from all sections, and possessing the confidence and good will of all, we went to work in that harmony of purpose that has existed ever since, and that has enabled up to build up the strongest civic organization that exists in the State—one that stands foremost in the preservation of the material wealth and prosperity of all the people and that

may well be called "The greatest commercial asset that North Carolina possesses."

We met here again in 1905 and were honored by an address from Governor Glenn that will long be remembered by our membership. From these two former visits, we well know the welcome that awaits us again on this occasion. I predict for you one of the most enjoyable of all previous events.

My friends, when we first organized this Association, and when I realize that there remain only a mere handful who were here twenty years ago, when I was elected president for the first time, and that a new generation is in charge of the fire service today, it makes me feel especially grateful to both my Creator and my fellowman, that I have been spared to contribute my share to the upbuilding of this splendid organization of the patriotic manhood of the State, an organization that is such a factor in preserving and protecting the welfare of the homes, lives and commercial prosperity of this good Old North Carolina that we love so well.

I have answered every roll call since the first convention met in Greensboro. I have presided over your deliberations for the past 20 years. I have tried to do my full duty and you have made it pleasant for me to do so. You have honored me to the full limit. I am grateful to you for your continued confidence and esteem. The future of this Association is assured. It will grow in importance as the years roll by. Let me urge upon you to let your motto always be to "Go Forward," and to always encourage the spirit of brotherhood that has been strongest in our unparalleled success as a State organization.

Thanking you for the manifold courtesies and honors that you have so generously bestowed upon me in the past, and assuring you of my grateful appreciation of the same, I am fraternally yours as long as I live. I am yours to command:

JAS. D. McNEILL.

Member from Louisburg:

In your list of charter members present, your overlooked Horney from High Point, who is also a charter member.

Mr. Horney:

I have a certificate of membership in the Association.

President McNeill:

You will find upon the list the only living members to be Elam and McNeill of Fayetteville, and Keith, Vogler and Meinung, of Winston-Salem. Now you ought to be there.

Mr. Horney:

Capt. Meinung was my captain and can testify that I was there.

President McNeill:

Then instead of four, there are five of us, and may God bless us all.

President McNeill:

There is one recommendation which doubtless you have noticed, which is an important one. It looks to the appointment of a special committee to revise and amend, in such manner as they see best, or change, the laws governing the Association, and putting it more in spirit with the times. Now, the adoption of the report, of course, would carry that, and if there is anything else for discussion, gentlemen, the report is before you. The chair is ready to hear any motion.

Member for Rocky Mount:

I move that the President's report be accepted as it is, with thanks to the President.

This motion being duly seconded, same was unanimously adopted, and the President's report, with its recommendations accepted.

President McNeill:

I see I left out a little part of this report, which I added afterwards:

(Reads addenda to report.)

You will recall that at the Wilmington Convention, there were several claims that I held up as being irregular, that I did not feel, under the trust imposed on me as auditor of the Relief Fund, to approve them. One was approved by the Convention at large. The other the Convention instructed me to take to the Attorney General of the State and get his opinion, whether I was right or wrong, and this

belongs to the report. (Reads from report). Now to make that plain, let me explain to those who were not in the Convention, or have forgotten. A member of the Durham Fire Department, going to breakfast, riding his bicycle, was going to breakfast or coming back from breakfast, and hurt his arm or leg and put in a claim against the Relief Association for his per diem for being hurt. Our law is specific when it says the injury must be incurred in duties as firemen. That claimant was simply going to breakfast, not in the service, just like any other accident in life, therefore I did not feel I had the right to approve a claim like that, any more than I getting hurt walking about the streets of Winston, and I, of course, disbarred it. The Convention instructed me to take it to the Attorney General, and he held I was right, that if he had been going to a fire, and fell from his bicycle, or going back from a fire, or was carrying a special order from the Fire Chief, or some other duty, he would be entitled, but simply going to breakfast, walking, or riding a bicycle, was not covered by the fund. I took the matter up with the Attorney General, as you instructed, and he approved my action. This is in the report, which, without objection, will go in with it.

There being no objection, the report stands approved.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen, the most important matter now before you is your finances. I am to recommend that this Association, through its general fund and Board of Trustees that of the Convention—I don't think I exaggerate when I say that they have \$40,000 or \$50,000—it is your money, piling up here to protect your wives, mothers, children, just as are amenable to this Convention, have to follow the rules we are trying to protect Chief Wallace and Capt. Glenn's families, and it is important that you should pay attention to the financial affairs. I give them my best thought and care, since I am your Chief Executive. Your Secretary's office and Treasurer's office are important, and I want you to feel an individual interest. The Secretary will please read his report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Gentlemen:

I herewith hand you my report as Secretary for the year ending July 1, 1914.

The membership of the organization consists of 104 companies, 1420 men, 50 chiefs, 33 assistant chiefs, 7 superintendents of fire alarms, 7 superintendents of water works, and one fire marshal, representing 57 cities and towns as follows:

Asheville, Benson, Biltmore, Burlington, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Chestnut Hill, Clinton, Dunn, Durham, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Graham, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Henderson, Hickory, High Point, Kinston, Lincolnton, Lenoir, Louisburg, Lumberton, Morganton, Morehead City, Monroe, Mount Airy, Mooresville, Newbern, Oxford, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Rockingham, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Salem, Spencer, Salisbury, Sanford, Southern Pines, Statesville, Tarboro, Washington, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Wilson, Warrenton, East Spence, Thomasville, Lexington.

I have drawn during the year the following warrants on the General Fund, amounting to \$1,836.36:

August 2, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, printing and postage and expense to meeting in Wilmington	\$ 42.05
August 15, 1913. Chief Chas. Schnibbens, Chairman Finance Committee on account of the Convention	500.00
August 15, 1913. G. T. Williamson, operating Electric Starter	25.00
August 15, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, expense to Charlotte, Sanford, etc	39.80
August 15, 1913. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, expense to Wilmington meeting, \$36.00; printing and postage, \$14.17; official starter, \$25.00	75.17
August 18, 1913. M. Stewart Davis, Statistician, salary for year, \$25; expense Wilmington meeting, \$22.65; telegram, 50 cents; stenographer and postage, \$6.80	54.95
August 23, 1913. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, expense to Wilmington meeting, stamps, etc.	31.30
August 30, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, expenses to Wilmington meeting, \$29.45; expense to Concord, Gastonia, etc., \$20.40.	49.85
August 30, 1913. A. H. Boyden, Vice President, expense to Wilmington	24.75
September 17, 1913. Mears Harriss, stenographer, reporting proceedings of Wilmington meeting	35.00

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October 1, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, salary to October 1, 1913 -----	50.00
October 1, 1913. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to October 1, 1913 -----	43.75
October 1, 1913. Jno. L. Miller, Seeretary, salary to October 1, 1913, and printing -----	55.75
November 6, 1913. R. C. Taylor, premium on bond, one year -----	14.00
November 6, 1913. The Coneord Times, printing 700 copies proceedings and envelopes -----	175.05
January 1, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, salary to January 1, 1914 -----	62.50
January 1, 1914. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to January 1, 1914 -----	50.00
January 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary to January 1, 1914 -----	62.50
January 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, printing, postage, express, telegrams and stationery -----	30.27
March 20, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, expense to Winston and Raleigh, printing etc. -----	26.20
April 1, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, salary to April 1, 1914 -----	62.50
April 1, 1914. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to April 1, 1914 -----	50.00
April 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary to April 1, 1914, \$62.50; postage, \$4.90 -----	67.40
July 1, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, Salary to July 1, 1914 -----	62.50
July 1, 1914. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to July 1, 1914 -----	50.00
July 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary to July 1, 1914, \$62.50; stationery, printing and postage, \$33.57 -----	96.07
Less printing proeceedings -----	\$175.05
Less Treasurer's salary -----	200.00
July 1, 1914. Total -----	\$1,461.31

I have drawn during the year the following warrants on the Relief Fund, amounting to \$1,786.05:

July 12, 1913. Shaw, G. R., Greensboro -----	24.00
July 12, 1913. Willis, J. L., Morehead City -----	24.44
July 12, 1913. Cline, P. D., Salem -----	16.00
July 28, 1913. Glascoe, H. B., Winston -----	15.00
August 2, 1913. Smith, G. G., Wilmington -----	28.00

August 9.	Monroe, W. P., Wilmington	-----	24.00
August 9.	Fulgham, Jno., Goldsboro	-----	20.00
August 13, 1913.	Sides, J. E., Salisbury	-----	10.00
August 16.	Lyneh, Thos., Chapel Hill	-----	14.00
August 16, 1913.	Moore, W. R., Kinston, ordered by Association	-----	72.00
August 23, 1913.	Yelverton, Leslie, Goldsboro	-----	15.00
August 23, 1913.	Hummell, Sam, Goldsboro	--	14.00
August 25, 1913.	Brown, Emmet R, Goldsboro	--	14.00
August 30, 1913.	Stewart, R. Lee, Washington	-----	20.00
Sept. 6, 1913.	Rawles, R. W., Rocky Mount	-----	14.00
Sept. 6, 1913.	Hutchins, Rascoe L., Chapel Hill	-----	36.00
Sept. 6, 1913.	Lloyd, D. C., Raleigh	-----	16.00
Sept. 8, 1913.	Hoover, W. F., Newbern	-----	10.00
Sept. 13, 1913.	Himmelman, Geo. C., Newbern	-----	16.00
Sept. 20, 1913.	Cash, L. Y., Durham	-----	11.00
October 11, 1913.	Farmer, Chas. D., Raleigh	--	18.00
Oet. 11, 1913.	Styron, Chas. W., Morehead City	-----	13.00
Nov. 13, 1913.	Hess, J. H., Salisbury	-----	13.00
Nov. 27, 1913.	Sechrest, A. L., High Point	--	28.00
Nov. 28, 1913.	Martin, J. G., High Point	-----	24.00
Decv. 20, 1913.	Simpson, J. Lewis, Washington	-----	15.00
Dec. 20, 1913.	Ward, Robert, Morganton	-----	28.00
Dec. 28, 1913.	Calvin, Jon. K., Asheville	-----	38.00
Dec. 31, 1913.	Meadows, B. H., Louisburg	-----	28.00
January 1, 1914.	Ervin, Charlie, Durham	-----	15.00
January 5, 1914.	McNeill, Jas. D., Fayetteville	-----	24.00
January 22, 1914.	Ringgold, J. S., Newbern	--	20.00
Dec. 22, 1914.	Teague, J. M., High Point	-----	30.00
February 19, 1914.	Whitley, R. C., Newbern	-----	42.00
February 19, 1914.	Peddycord, R. E., Winston	--	10.00
March 13, 1914.	Reetor, S. A., Asheville	--	150.00
March 30, 1914.	Spittle, G. W., Charlotte	-----	20.00
April 6.	Whittington, R. C., Greensboro	-----	15.00
April 6, 1914.	Jernigan, J. G., Fayetteville	-----	35.00
April 6, 1914.	Rivenbark, C. M., Wilmington	-----	146.00
April 6, 1914.	Smith, J. J., Greensboro	-----	48.00
April 14, 1914.	King, L. L., Wilmington	-----	38.00
April 18, 1914.	Poole, J. H. Durham	-----	20.00
April 26, 1914.	Cosby, R. M., Tarboro	-----	4.00
May 15, 1914.	Cagle, J. E., Durham	-----	40.00
May 20, 1914.	Godley, J. M., Washington	-----	12.00
May 20, 1914.	Sparrow, R. D., Newbern	-----	15.00
May 22, 1914.	Elder, Dr. Herbert, Fayetteville	-----	20.00
June 10, 1914.	Eastwood, Garlan, Newbern	-----	34.00
July 1, 1914.	Jones, E. E., Raleigh	-----	34.00

Concord Times Printing proceedings -----	175.05
Treasurer's salary for one year -----	200.00

I have collected during the year from the different departments the following amounts:

1913.

PERCAPITA TAX.

Asheville Department -----	\$ 2.50
Burlington Department -----	1.00
Chapel Hill Department -----	11.00
Charlotte Department -----	.50
Dunn Department -----	13.00
Durham Department -----	1.50
Fayetteville Department -----	3.50
Graham Department -----	.50
Greensboro Department -----	6.50
Kinston Department -----	23.00
Morganton Department -----	17.00
Newbern Department -----	1.00
Raleigh Department -----	2.50
Rocky Mount Department -----	14.50
Tarboro Department -----	5.00
Washington Department -----	9.50
Wilson Department -----	7.00

1914.

Asheville Department -----	24.00
Biltmore Department -----	1.50
Chapel Hill Department -----	11.00
Charlotte Department -----	13.50
Chestnut Hill Department -----	9.00
Concord Department -----	11.00
Durham Department -----	18.00
East Spencer Department -----	13.00
Fayetteville Department -----	8.00
Graham Department -----	16.50
Greensboro Department -----	33.50
Greenville Department -----	10.50
Henderson Department -----	10.50
High Point Department -----	25.00
Hickory Department -----	11.00
Kinston Department -----	26.50
Lenoir Department -----	8.00
Lincolnton Department -----	7.50
Monroe Department -----	12.00
Morehead City Department -----	15.00
Mount Airy Department -----	8.00

Mooresville Department	-----	19.00
Newbern Department	-----	29.50
Oxford Department	-----	9.50
Raleigh Department	-----	12.00
Sanford Department	-----	6.00
Statesville Department	-----	10.50
Spencer Department	-----	24.50
Southern Pines Department	-----	10.00
Salisbury Department	-----	9.50
Tarboro Department	-----	18.00
Washington Department	-----	24.00
Wilmington Department	-----	20.50
Winston-Salem Department	-----	51.50
Rocky Mount Department	-----	18.00
Wilson Department	-----	8.50
		683.50

1912.

RELIEF FUND.

Asheville Department	-----	\$32.53
Burlington Department	-----	5.03
Charlotte Department	-----	39.29
Clinton Department	-----	1.76
Chapel Hill Department	-----	.53
Enfield Department	-----	3.47
Elizabeth City Department	-----	9.88
Fayetteville Department	-----	17.42
Greenville Department	-----	13.85
Greensboro Department	-----	16.78
Gastonia Department	-----	3.96
Graham Department	-----	2.48
Hickory Department	-----	3.89
Henderson Department	-----	6.00
High Point Department	-----	14.59
Jacksonville Department	-----	1.46
Kinston Department	-----	8.89
La Grange Department	-----	1.65
Lenoir Department	-----	3.93
Lincolnton Department	-----	1.42
Lumberton Department	-----	3.78
Morganton Department	-----	2.37
Morehead City Department	-----	.75
Monroe Department	-----	4.89
Mount Airy Department	-----	4.77
Newbern Department	-----	9.28
Oxford Department	-----	5.04
Raleigh Department	-----	14.55
Rocky Mount Department	-----	11.87

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Southern Pines Department	1.69
Spencer Department	1.52
Salem Department	3.77
Sanford Department	1.70
Salisbury Department	8.43
Washington Department	6.85
Wilmington Department	42.40
Winston Department	35.63

1913.

Marion Department	.12
Hendersonville Department	9.32
Durham Department	33.22
Concord Department	4.90
Tarboro Department	3.70
Louisburg Department	3.35
Mooresville Department	1.15
Gastonia Department	4.50
Hickory Department	3.70
Lenoir Department	3.84
Kinston Department	9.05
Greenville Department	9.67
Morehead City Department	.96
Beaufort Department	2.29
High Point Department	15.51
Henderson Department	6.25
Benson Department	2.75
Southern Pines Department	1.96
Spencer Department	1.86
Monroe Department	4.06
Morganton Department	2.48
Newbern Department	10.97
Mount Airy Department	5.33
Fayetteville Department	9.86 498.90

Total amount collected from the two sources \$1,182.40

Treasurer's receipts are in my hands for the above amount.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. L. MILLER, Secretary.

August 4, 1914.

We, your auditing committee, have examined the books of your
secretary and find them correct.

A. B. HORNEY,

D. D. OVERTON,

J. H. DORTON,

J. T. DILLEHAY,

Auditing Committee,

President McNeill:

Gentlemen you have heard the report of the Secretary, and if during its reading, you noticed any errors, please mention them.

A Member:

I notice he said he allowed "Mr. Lee." I suppose it is "Lee Stewart," we haven't any Mr. Lee.

Mr. Miller:

I can look and see.

Mr. Miller:

That report covers the financial end of the work, done through its Secretary for the last year. I would like to offer a supplemental report, covering some other phases of the work.

President McNeill:

The Convention will be glad to hear it.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Secretary Jno. L. Miller.

The following cities or towns, which are members of this Association, have not paid their per capita tax for this year and are, therefore, not enrolled on the beneficiary records:

Benson—Fire Company

Clinton—Fire Company

Dunn—Lucknow Reel Team, Winnie Davis Reel Team.

Edenton—Hose Company No. 1, Hose Company No. 2, Hose Company No. 3.

Elizabeth City—City Fire Department.

Gastonia—Fire Department.

Goldsboro—Fire Company No. 1, Electric Reel Team.

Morganton—Fire Company No. 1, Junior Reel Team.

Red Springs—Fire Company No. 1.

Rockingham—Fire Company.

Roanoke Rapids—Fire Company.

Warrenton—Fire Company.

You will, therefore, see that they are denying themselves the opportunity, privileges and benefits that are derived from this organization.

The following cities or towns, who have not identified themselves in any way with the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, but, but who are receiving the amounts collected and disbursed by the Hon. Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, year by year, are as follows:

Ashboro	- - - - -	\$ 53.96
Beaufort	- - - - -	45.88
Brevard	- - - - -	72.96
Belhaven	- - - - -	29.25
Black Mountain	- - - - -	8.84
Enfield	- - - - -	92.49
Forest City	- - - - -	7.32
Laurinburg	- - - - -	98.20
Hamlet	- - - - -	75.46
Hendersonville	- - - - -	260.51
Jacksonville	- - - - -	28.24
Jonesboro	- - - - -	12.20
La Grange	- - - - -	58.71
Maxton	- - - - -	37.21
Murphy	- - - - -	20.73
Mount Olive	- - - - -	113.98
Marion	- - - - -	2.48
Newton	- - - - -	45.06
North Wilkesboro	- - - - -	44.86
Oriental	- - - - -	2.91
Roxboro	- - - - -	43.18
Scotland Neck	- - - - -	64.79
Shelby	- - - - -	143.07
Smithfield	- - - - -	29.58
Selma	- - - - -	19.71
Wadesboro	- - - - -	128.79
Waynesville	- - - - -	45.67

No report has been received on the local Relief Fund for the year ending June 30th, 1914; nor for any year since this "Act" has gone into effect, from the following towns:

Ashboro, Asheville, Brevard, Belhaven, Black Mountain, Clinton, Dunn, Fremont, Forest City, Laurinburg, Hamlet, Hendersonville, Jonesboro, La Grange, Maxton, Murphy, Mount Olive, Marion, North Wilkesboro, Oxford, Oriental, Red Springs, Rockingham, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, Smithfield, Selma, Wadesboro, Wilmington.

For some cause unknown to your Secretary; the following cities or towns waived and relinquished their rights from receiving their part of the Relief Fund for the year of 1913, as follows:

Clinton, Dunn, Elizabeth City, Fremont, Goldsboro, Jackson-

ville, Maxton, Murphy, Marion, Oriental, Rockingham, Scotland Neck, Statesville, Smithfield, Wadesboro.

Approximately the amount of \$1,000.00, has been lost to these departments for this year.

In making this report, I have no motive, other than to acquaint these different departments of the actual conditions existing and to urge them to be on the alert, in order that the same thing may not occur again, and to this Association, in order that it may take such action, as in its judgment, may seem prudent and wise.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. L. MILLER, Secretary.

President McNeill:

That is a very important matter that the Secretary has called to your attention. Under the Relief Fund Act asked of the Legislature, every town and city having \$1,000 worth of apparatus is entitled to one-half of one per cent. upon all of the fire insurance money collected upon their insurance policies in those towns and cities, where it is given that money to be used as a relief fund for the protection of sick and injured firemen and their descendants. Mr. Young has more than done his duty by us, and it is a matter of importance. It requires that, on or before October 31 of every year, you shall make a report to the Insurance Commissioner on that equipment.

Mr. Young:

That report is made by the Clerk of the city.

Mr. McNeill:

Yes, but I have endeavored to impress on their Chiefs that the Clerk of the city does his duty.

Mr. Young:

So have I.

Mr. McNeill:

Now it seems that, in as important a place as Elizabeth City, the Fire Chief neglected to see that the Clerk sent in that report, and they got no money for 1913, and that applies to a number of towns.

Now there is another matter. The law—Section 9,—“For the purpose of supervision and a guaranty that the provisions of this act shall be administered in a businesslike manner, it is provided that every department enjoying the benefits of this law shall be a member of the North Carolina

State Firemen's Association and comply with its Constitution and By-Laws." Now there are several towns that have been getting the benefit of this fund, and they are not only not bona fide members, but don't attend the meetings. Now, I am going to ask Mr. Young to withhold any money from those towns and cities who do not report at this annual meeting. (Applause).

Mr. Young:

I have just asked the Secretary for a copy of the Supplemental Report. This is the first intimation I have had that those Departments were not members.

President McNeill:

I am asking it now because Section Seven says a report shall be made to you (Reads section). Now I ask in the name of us who do comply with the law that that appropriation be withheld until they do comply with the law and come and join us and carry their share of the load.

The Secretary's report, Gentlemen, is before you in detail. The regular procedure of course is to send that to an Auditing Committee, who will audit it, report on it, look at the vouchers, see that he is telling us the truth, see how this money has been spent, just like any other corporation or bank or business.

Mr. Turner, of Louisburg:

I move that the report be received by the Auditing Committee.

This motion being duly seconded, was unanimously adopted and so declared by the chairman.

The Treasurer's Report is now in order.

Mr. R. C. Taylor read the report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association—Gentlemen:

I beg to hand you my report of the fiscal year, ending July 1, 1914.

Proceedings North Carolina

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand last report	\$2,322.53
Amount received 10 per cent. Relief Fund	145.90
Amt. received transferred from Relief Fund	375.05
Amount received, J. L. Miller, Secretary	1,182.40
Amount received, interest on deposits	101.50
	\$4,127.38

Disbursements.

James D. McNeill, President, salary	\$ 237.50
James D. McNeill, President, expense	157.90
J. L. Miller, Secretary, expense	124.66
J. L. Miller, Secretary, salary	237.50
J. L. Miller, official starter	25.00
R. C. Taylor, salary	193.75
R. C. Taylor, expense	31.50
M. S. Davis, salary	25.00
M. S. Davis, expense	29.95
A. H. Boyden, expense	24.75
Chas. Sehnibben, donation to Tournament Wilmington	500.00
G. T. Williams, electric starter	25.00
Reporting Convention, etc	35.00
Treasurer's bond	14.00
Concord Times, printing Minutes	175.05
	1,836.36
Balance on hand	\$2,291.02

RELIEF FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand last report	\$ 390.91
Received from B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer,	
State appropriation, 1913-1914	1,875.00
	\$2,265.91

Disbursements.

Warrants.

Asheville	2	\$ 188.00
Charlotte	1	20.00
Chapel Hill	2	50.00
Durham	4	86.00
Fayetteville	3	79.00
Greensboro	3	73.00
Goldsboro	4	63.00
High Point	3	82.00
Kinston	1	72.00
Louisburg	1	28.00

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Morehead City	2	37.00
Morganton	1	28.00
Newbern	8	238.00
Raleigh	2	50.00
Rocky Mount	1	14.00
Salisbury	2	23.00
Tarboro	1	4.00
Washington	3	47.00
Wilmington	4	236.00
Winston-Salem	3	41.00
Treasurer's Salary	1	200.00
Printing Minutes	1	175.05
		1,834.05
	53	
Balance on hand		\$431.86
Amount on interest in Fourth National Bank		
Fayetteville		\$500.00
Amt. on Int. in Cumberland Savings & Trust Co.		
Fayetteville		\$500.00
Amt. on Int. in People's Sav. Bank, Wilmington	500.00	
Amt. on Int. Peoples' Nat. Bank, Winston-		
Salem	500.00	
Amt. on Int. in Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.	500.00	\$2,500.00
Wnston-Salem		

August 4, 1914.

We, your auditing committee, have examined the books of
your Treasurer and find them correct.

A. B. HORNEY,
D. D. OVERTON,
J. H. DORTON,
J. T. DILLEHAY,

Auditing Committee.

President McNeill:

Those two reports will be referred to an auditing com-
mittee composed of:

Auditing Committee.

A. B. Horney, of High Point, Chairman.
J. H. Dorton, of Concord.
W. R. Tomlinson, of Greensboro.
D. D. Overton, of Greenville.
J. T. Dillehay, of Southern Pines.

Who will take the reports of the Secretary and Treas-
urer, audit them and report whether correct or not.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen, the next regular order of business is the report of the Board of Trustees. They have all been sent in practically today by your Executive Committee. What is the pleasure of the Convention? The Secretary has it all formulated in good shape, and could read you the report the amount received, the amount on hand, without reading the details. They are all published in your proceedings anyhow. What is the wish of the Convention? Just to read the amounts received and amounts on hand? That would give you about all the information you really need or could digest. The Secretary will please read from his list the report showing the balances.

(Secretary Millet reads same.)

President McNeill:

You will see there are some companies running \$600 or \$700 who have no delegates here. Something must be done, and I am going to ask the Corporation Commissioner, so far as I am concerned, to see that is not done. All these reports will be published in your proceedings.

The Auditing Committee will please act immediately on the adjournment of this meeting, so they can report at the evening session. That will be the first thing at the evening session, report of the Auditing Committee.

Under the head of Miscellaneous business, is the address by Chief Brockwell. Just as I stated in my report, gentlemen, one of the most important things is the enforcement of the fire laws and prevention of fires. Chief Brockwell at the Mayor's Convention at Charlotte, of which I was a member, made one of the most interesting and comprehensive talks on that question, and I asked him to repeat it at this meeting, and if he were here, now would be the best time.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Work, is there anything any member wants to present?

Dr. Royall, of Morehead City:

I have a matter I want to report to the Convention. I am not a reform politician, but the North Carolina Firemen's Association contests are not what they should be and can be improved. I refer to our races and the way they are now conducted. It is only a matter of time—not a great

time—if things progress as now, to be in one of these events will be a disgrace. That is a pretty broad statement but a fact, and the average man who attends these races knows it is a fact, that a premium is put on trickery. That is not an ideal state of affairs, and is a matter that can be remedied. These races can be made interesting and are interesting, but when a premium is put on trickery, it is no sign that a team is efficient because it wins. Morehead City has a team that hopes to win; there are probably sixteen or eighteen other teams of the same impression; they can't all win, but we would like to have it said that the one that wins wins fairly. I have seen enough of these races to say some of them are not fair. It is not for every team to be police to every other team, every team watching the other measure hose, stretching the hose indefinitely, having to turn up ten or fifteen feet, when the rules specify that water shall be run every certain length of hose 280 feet, that is not always done. I know it is not always done, every man knows it. It should be done. I maintain, Mr. President, that we could have a modification of our rules that would give us better results, and when a man wins money, he in his own conscience clear and certain he wins it honestly. A team competing against any team using trickery is not getting a square deal. I contend that, if we could have some rule adopted whereby the judges of these races can, when a section of hose is run, measure that line before taking off the track, it would only take a moment of time, if done by the judges, we can do away with police duty, some can see if water is in the hose. The law touching that matter it seems we can improve this way, get it on a more satisfactory working basis than at present. I would like to have it brought before the Convention, and ways and means devised to put it on a more satisfactory basis, and the team that wins, win fairly. That is not the state of affairs now as they exist and have existed in the past few years. I would like to have that matter brought up before the Convention and see what the voting pleasure of the Convention is.

President McNeill:

The gentlemen who have been members of this Association as long as I have, will see that all this matter has been threshed out at convention after convention until the sense

of the best intelligence of the competing teams have resulted in the adoption of these rules. Now you want more rules and more laws. You have got all the rules you want. For instance, Section four: "Any company attempting to win a prize by fraud, deception or foul play, or in any dishonorable way, or who shall disobey or infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these rules, shall forfeit any prize won thereby, and shall be subject to suspension or expulsion." Now, then, I have been considering your races for some time, and if there has been any race in the last six or eight or ten years when the prize has not been fairly won, I must confess my absolute ignorance. Who are these men who are doing this, the unfair things? This is the place to discuss it.

A Member:

I have not been a member of this Association very long, have not attended a great many tournaments, but I have attended enough to see some things that do not appeal to me.

President McNeill:

What for instance? Let's call things by their names.

A Member:

Well I will call a thief a thief and a hose a hose. I attended a State tournament. I happen to know, and certain others think they know that, in this event, the hose was measured up, put in a wagon, a certain number of sections, say six—anyhow the prescribed number of feet, on section of hose a given length—I am not absolutely positive, say 50 feet—measured, put in a wagon, one of the sections, 18 or 20 feet, run, making six of 20 or 30 feet, the longest and the shortest line, and the rest run accordingly.

President McNeill:

Was it done in Association meeting?

A Member:

No, sir, but the same thing can be applied here. I ask, Mr. President, whose duty it is to apprehend these guilty members?

President:

Every competing team has a judge, it is their duty, it is

the other fellow's duty to see that you obey the rules. You see a man trying to commit a fraud, and I will order him off the track. It is impossible for me, for your Secretary to enforce the rules. If he measures your hose fairly, and you slip off and deceive us, we can't tell that. You can't stop a man from stealing chickens you know. I differ with you to this extent, that I don't believe we have a team in this Association that would be guilty of a dirty trick today.

A Member:

I have the satisfaction to think I know it.

Cries of "Prove it, prove it!"

President McNeill:

It is your duty to prove it.

Member from Newbern:

We won the last four and think we won fairly. If he knows anything on Newbern say it, and we will put them out. We won at Newbern last year, and ten members here won eight affairs.

President McNeill:

You will never win one unfair if I know it.

Member from Newbern:

You can measure it up, put water on it and let the water stretch it. If a gentleman can't work his team and lets somebody beat him he ought to.

A Member:

At Wilmington last year we had the slowest team of the whole bunch, and I hold my hand to God we were fair.

President McNeill:

I realize your situation, but at the same time, you have got the laws. Everything has been done that can be done. We can't make it any stronger, and your officers and I can't possibly enforce these laws against you or anybody else when you fellows don't let us know. I can't tell 18⁷/₈ feet or 18¹/₂ feet, but as you know, it is all measured and put in that wagon. Now, if there is any fraud practiced—if you have ten teams, you have ten men, nine watching, one running. Now, if they can't detect it, how in the name

of heaven can we? I just believe that these rules as a result of 15 or 20 years—fully 20 years—of the closest inspection on earth. We used to have fellows playing all sorts of tricks—put water in the hose—I have seen one team make a run and show water at the nozzle when they didn't even connect to the hydrant. I have seen that, I ain't calling any names, but they went home on the next train.

A Member:

Your team was one that had water in the hose

Mr. Lassiter, of Newbern:

These races ought to be discussed. It is what keeps the Association up, but please go a little quicker.

President McNeill:

I understand the team won it, you didn't.

Mr. Lassiter:

Morehead won it, but we give it to them. We know how fast it takes horses to walk one foot, or 46 feet—he covers 46 feet every second, know how fast the Morehead City horse is. It took him this morning $2\frac{1}{2}$ seconds. That is the reason we have done what we have done. We have studied the races.

President McNeill:

That is about the size of it, Bud. I was up against those fellows last year, and they beat us fair.

A Member:

I suggest that he be responsible for the hose. Put him on the committee.

Dr. Royall:

I would like to state that I did have the measurement of the hose under my supervision, and that very fact is what makes me say what I said.

I happen to know it was not pulled off on the square, and in devising ways and means of securing the end, I am willing to leave it to wiser heads. I am not a reform politician; don't know the exact thing to do, but a good many men know that I am right, at least I have an inner consciousness that I am right.

President McNeill:

If you do find anything like that, you owe a duty to the Association to let the officials know.

A Member:

He ought to tell it now.

Dr. Royall:

I would do it now, but it is not pleasant as a sportsman to tell it.

President McNeill:

You should report it to the officers of the Association. We are doing our duty and expect to do it.

Mr. Harper, of Kinston:

So far as measuring the hose is concerned, I suppose any team that has not got 288 feet would be ruled out?

President McNeill:

Isn't that done at every tournament?

Mr. Harper:

I mean before taking up the hose. If the judges are willing to do that, I am willing.

Mr. Waller, of Burlington:

There is a matter in the minutes—it may be out of order—it is the merest pleasantry that took place here last year.

President McNeill:

What page, please?

(This member refers to page 97 of the minutes of the last meeting, beginning at the 14th line from the bottom and ending at the 30th line of the bottom, inclusive, be stricken out of the minutes, and that the stenographer be instructed to expunge her record of such pleasantries as come up in the course of the meetings as are immaterial to the business of the Association), which the President orders done.

Mr. Turner, of Louisburg:

I understand Chief Brockwell is in the house and move that he cut it as short as possible.

Cries of "Tonight! Tonight!"

(Mr. Brockwell having understood that his address was scheduled for tonight he was asked to deliver it at that time.)

Mr. Kestler, of Salisbury:

The track down here, because of the grand stand being placed where it is, it is narrowed about four feet, and makes it dangerous for races of the reel teams, and we would like to have some regulation by which the racing would be place at some estimated width so there would be no danger hereafter of placing the grand-stand out on the racing ground.

President McNeill:

We could not do a thing like that. That is a local condition that we can't control, it is in the hands of our hosts.

Vice President Boyden:

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen of the Convention: The unfortunate and disastrous accident that happened in Charlotte a few months ago leads me and suggests to me, as a brother firemen the absolute necessity of a resolution by this body of intelligent men in regard to the danger of storing dynamite and other explosives in a city. I make no charge, my fellow firemen, against anybody. In the latter part of my life, I don't intend to throw stones at anybody, but that was the most uncalled for careless thing that perhaps has ever happened within my knowledge and could have been easily prevented. Therefore, my brother firemen, it is important that this body of men take upon themselves the responsibility to see that each town in the State of North Carolina passes a proper resolution at once, without any delay, that this matter shall not occur again within the history of North Carolina. (Applause). What is the best way, I am hardly able, by fellow firemen, to suggest, but in order to bring this matter before you, I have in my a hand a resolution that if it meets the approval of you, gentlemen, I ask for the unanimous adoption of it, and when it is adopted, I ask that it be the imperative duty of the Chief of every Fire Department in each City in North Carolina, that when he returns to his home that this resolution is read to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

and that they put on the books the proper resolution to protect the splendid men of this Association, and that no such unfortunate and disastrous occurrence shall ever occur again in the history of North Carolina. Now, if you will bear with me a moment, I will read the resolution, and if any suggestion, I will be glad to receive them, but this comes very close to my heart, and I want it acted upon:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, We, the firemen of North Carolina, in our annual convention, assembled, recognize and appreciate the dangers to which firemen are exposed in fighting fires and are willing to face same, yet we feel that the firemen of North Carolina are entitled to be relieved of the great and unnecessary danger caused by the promiscuous storage of dynamite and other explosives and combustibles in our cities and towns;

Therefore be it resolved:

(1) That we call upon the authorities of our cities and towns to enact proper ordinances, regulating the transportation and storage of combustibles and explosives;

(2). That we remind our business men and fellow citizens that it is unreasonable to expect their firemen to take the awful risk of fighting fires in their premises where dynamite and such explosives are stored.

Now, my fellow firemen, if there are any suggestions or additions that you want to make, to make that more positive, more emphatic, I will be delighted to accept suggestions on this matter.

Member from Wilmington:

I would like to make a motion to approve the resolution, and I have an ordinance in my city which covers it entirely for the city of Wilmington. I would be glad to send one to each fireman in the State who wants one.

President McNeill:

You haven't one with you?

Member from Wilmington:

No sir, but no one in the City of Wilmington could sell any powder unless they get a permit from the Chief of the

Fire Department, and no dynamite is allowed in the City of Wilmington, and I would be glad to send a copy of it to any city in the State that would like to have it, and recommend the passing of the resolution Mr. Boyden has read.

Mr. Turner from Louisburg:

I move that the resolution be adopted and that the Legislative Committee take it up before the Legislature and demand that the law cover the entire State as to the storing of dynamite.

President McNeill:

As I understand the resolution, you recommend that every Fire Chief sees that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen pass an ordinance, either as good as Wilmington or better, and Mr. Turner suggests that the Committee take it up and make it a State law.

Br. Boyden:

Perfectly agreeable to me.

Commissioner Young:

The matter of storage of these explosives and combustibles may well be left to cities and towns. The matter of transportation ought to be taken up by the State. I have an ordinance which I have sent to every city and town in the State, covering this very matter, and have asked the Mayors and should be gratified to see the resolution passed, and will do all in my power to distribute it, and have it passed by the cities and towns.

President McNeill:

The chair suggests that we send a copy to Commissioner Young, and I know no man better qualified to see that it is carried out by the cities and towns, or get in touch with the Mayors. You send it to Commissioner Young.

Mr. Young:

Charlotte has now passed a good one, too.

Mr. Boyden:

I want Mr. Miller to add that this Convention, in passing this resolution, make it imperative on the Chiefs of each Fire Department to see that it is brought before the

Board of Aldermen at once, and the result sent in to the President and this Association.

Chief Boddie from Louisburg:

And that a copy of this resolution be mailed to the Chief of each Fire Department in the State.

Mr. Boyden:

Accept that with pleasure.

Mr. Meredith from Tarboro:

And that it is the duty of the Chiefs to see that the law is carried out.

President McNeill:

All in favor of the adoption of the resolution say "Aye."

(The motion being duly seconded, was unanimously carried and so declared by the President.)

Mr. Young:

We are to have, in the City of Asheville, on the 11th and 12th of November a meeting or convention of the Fire Marshals of America. This includes Fire Marshals from every State and Canada, and I want, as a member of that Convention, to extend an invitation to this Convention and the firemen of the State to meet and join in that Convention. I have already requested our President and in case he is busy and can't come, then his place to be taken by your Vice President, Mr. Boyden, to deliver the address of welcome to that body on behalf of the State of North Carolina, and I would like for you all to come, Chiefs and Officers, and come, as many as you can, or send a committee.

President McNeill:

Thank you for the invitation, and doubtless as many as can will avail themselves. It is a big national affair, looking after things not only in North Carolina but the other States. I shall be pleased to come if I can, or delegate my authority to Vice President Boyden, who will doubtless do it a great deal better than I. We will have discussion by the fire marshals of all these measures and laws adopted by the different States. These men occupy the same position

in the other States and Canada as I occupy in this State.
No one will be more interested than you in the work.

Member from Rocky Mount:

Will it be convenient for Chief Brockwell to make his address the early part of the evening session? There are quite a number of firemen attending the Convention who are not delegates, and would like to hear the address, but don't care to stay to the business meeting, and if agreeable to Chief Brockwell, it would be a nice thing for him to deliver it on the opening of the evening session.

President McNeill:

So ordered without objection.

A Member:

It is moved that the citizens of the town come to hear that paper.

President McNeill:

Announced that a colored quartet from the colored firemen's association would sing some songs at the evening session.

After some discussion as to the most convenient hour for the evening session to convene, this meeting adjourned to meet at the court house at 8:30 p. m.

The following is the report of the Board of Trustees:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ASHEVILLE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report open account, Battery Park Bank -----	\$ 109.81
June 30, 1913. To interest from notes to July 1, 1914 -----	156.34
August 6, 1913. To on notes -----	200.00
December 2, 1913. To on notes -----	800.00
November 3, 1913. To on notes -----	206.79
February 3, 1914. To on ontes -----	100.00
May 3, 1914. To on notes -----	80.60
June 23, 1914. To check from Insurance Com- missioner -----	672.22
Balance due from notes -----	889.47 \$3,215.23

Disbursements.

July 12, 1913. By cash to J. L. Miller, Sec- retary of State Firemen's Association-----	\$ 32.53
By cash to S. G. Bernard, premium on Treasur- er's bond -----	5.00
By cash to Dr. Reavis, professional services-----	7.00
By cash to John Calvin, accident -----	38.00
By cash to S. A. Rector, accident -----	154.00
By cash to C. S. Ray, sick benefits -----	220.00
Loans secured by real estate and bank stock -----	1,889.47
By cash to open account, Battery Park Bank Battery Park Bank -----	197.01 672.22 3,215.23

Respectfully submitted,
WM. FRANCIS, Treasurer.

BEAUFORT.

Receipts.

June 30, 1914. To balance on hand last report-----	\$ 34.37
June 30, 1914. To check from Insurance Com- missioner -----	11.51 \$ 45.88
June 30, 1914. To balance -----	* 45.88
Respectfully submitted, Z. J. NOE, Treasurer.	

BELHAVEN.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$	15.95
To cash received June 23, 1914		13.30
		\$ 29.25

Disbursements.

By cash to check to Secretary		1.46
		1.46

June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 27.79
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Respectfully submitted,

S. J. PEELE, Treasurer.

BENSON.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1914. To balance on hand last report	\$	14.32
To receipts to date since last report		55.07
		\$ 69.29

Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, check		2.75
		2.75

June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 66.54
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Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ROSE, Treasurer.

BILTMORE.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$	43.69
June 15, 1913. To remittance received from In-		
surance Commissioner		10.50
To interest to July 1, 1914		1.76
No disbursements.		\$ 55.95

June 30, 1914. To Balance		\$ 55.95
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Respectfully submitted,

ALLMOND H. JONES, Treasurer.

BURLINGTON.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$	627.66
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July 1, 1914. Deposit		99.50
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July 1, 1914. To Interest		25.49
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Disbursements, none.

June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 752.65
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Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. O. WALKER, Treasurer.

CHAPEL HILL.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 10.11
Sept. 5, 1913. To amount received from J. M.	
Markham, ex-treasurer -----	33.84
June 23, 1914. To amount received from Jas. R.	
Young -----	11.66 \$ 55.61

Disbursements.

By cash to Rosco Hutchins, injuries received at last tournament tournament -----	24.00
By cash to 5 per cent. commission to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary -----	58 24.58
June 30, 1914. To balance -----	\$ 31.03

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. GRIFFIN, Treasurer.

CHARLOTTE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$2,078.38
July 2, 1913. Received from A. H. Wearn, city clerk -----	785.90
March 17, 1914. To interst account -----	36.00
March 2, 1914. To interest account -----	1.30 \$2,901.58

Disbursements.

July 2, 1913. By cash to J. L. Miller, Secretary	39.29
February 11, 1914. By cash to A. E. Moody, fire-	
man -----	20.00
March 2, 1914. By cash to Geo. W. Spittle, fire-	
man -----	18.00 \$ 77.29

June 30, 1914. To balance -----

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. PAGE, Treasurer.

CONCORD.

Receipts.

June 30, 1914. To balance on hand last report	\$ 536.29
June 30, 1913. To interest for one year, 1914 --	20.26
June 30, 1913. To check received from Insur-	
ance Commissioner, 1914 -----	97.92 \$ 654.47

Disbursements.

March 6, 1914. By cash to L. C. Biles, funeral expenses	70.00
June 30, 1914. By cash to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, 5 per cent. commissions	4.90
	\$ 74.90
June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 579.57

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. HARTSELL, Treasurer.

DURHAM.**Receipts.**

June 23, 1913. Bal. on hand as per last report	\$2,206.53
June 1 and 24, 1914. Received interest	52.00
June 24, 1914. Received from J. R. Young, Ins. Com.	664.42
	\$2,922.95

Disbursements.

Sept. 19, 1913. L. Y. Cash, 11 days partial disability	\$ 11.00
Oct. 1, 1913. Watts Hospital, nursing A. A. Strahorn	6.00
Oct. 11, 1913. Watts Hospital, nursing A. A. Strahorn	5.50
Nov. 22, 1913. Dr. bill for A. A. Strayhorn	20.50
Dec. 2, 1913. Drug bill for A. A. Strayhorn	4.25
Dec. 20, 1914. C. N. Irvin, 15 days partial disability	15.00
April 20, 1914. J. H. Pool, 20 days partial disability	20.00
April 20, 1914. J. E. Cagle, 20 days total disability	40.00
May 5, 1914. E. A. Watts, 7 days total disability	14.00
May 13, 1914. T. C. Worth for treasurer's bond	5.00
June 24, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, 5 per cent. oof \$664.42	33.22
June 24, 1914. Amount on hand	\$174.47
June 24, 1914. Open acount, subject to check	554.48
June 24, 1914. In bank on interest	2,000.00
June 15, 1914. One note out standing	194.00
	\$2,748.48

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. CANNADA, Treasurer

C. A. WICKER, Secretary

EDENTON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 481.00
July 1, 1913. To interest in savings Dept	8.90
January 1, 1914. Interest in savings Dept	9.70
June 23, 1914. To deposit	31.74
July 1, 1914. Interest in savings Dept	9.90
No disbursements past year	
June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 541.24

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. WOOD, Treasurer.

ELIZABETH CITY.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 998.17
To interest	32.00
Disbursements.	
December 16, 1913. By cash to H. R. Raper, claim for benefits	86.65
December 20, 1914. By cash to pay premium on Treasurer's bond	5.00
January, 30, 1914. By cash to pay D Gug Brockett, claim for benefits	50.00
June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 1,030.17

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN DANIELS, Treasurer.

ENFIELD.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 89.13
To amount received June 26, 1914 from Jas. R. Young, Commissioner	22.94
Disbursements.	
By cash to Check to John L Miller, July 24, 1913	3.47
By cash to check to John L. Miller, July 23, 1914, 5 per cent. on \$22.94	1.15
June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 107.45

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. McGWIGAN, Treasurer.

FAYETTEVILLE.**Receipts.**

August 7, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 734.96
To interest since last report	26.23
To amount from Insurance Commissioner	191.27
	\$ 952.46

Disbursements.

By cash to J. D. McNeill for claim	24.00
By cash to J. G. Jernigan, for claim	35.00
By cash to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, annual assessment	9.86 \$ 68.86
June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 883.60

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. RANKIN, Treasurer.

GASTONIA.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 297.13	\$ 297.13
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Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller	4.50
	1.00
	<hr/> 5.50

June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 291.63
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Respectfully submitted,
S. S. SHUFORD, Trustee.
Per T. A. RATCHFORD, Clerk.

GOLDSBORO.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$1,034.84
To interest from bank to July 1	5.19
	\$1,080.03

Disbursements.

By cash to Leslie Yelverton, claim	15.00
By cash to Emmet Brown, claim	28.00
	\$ 43.00

June 30, 1914. To balance	\$1,037.03
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Respectfully submitted,
LIONEL WEIL, Treasurer.

GRAHAM.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 163.81
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June 30, 1914. To cash from James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner	27.86
	\$ 191.67

Disbursements.

June 30, 1914. By cash to John L. Miller,
Secretary, 5 per cent. of \$27.86 ----- 1.39 \$ 1.39

June 30, 1914. To balance ----- \$ 190.28
Respectfully submitted,
ALLEN D. TATE, Treasurer.

GREENSBORO.

Receipts.

April 1, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$1,181.94
June 24, 1913. From J. R. Young -----	335.67
July 7, 1913. To interest from banks -----	7.93
October 1, 1913. To interest from banks-----	13.19
January 1, 1914. To interest from banks-----	13.32
April 1, 1914. To interest from banks -----	13.45
June 23, 1914. From J. R. Young -----	335.71
	\$1,923.01

Disbursements.

July 3, 1914 By cash to Geo. R. Shaw (10 days benefits) -----	10.00
July 3, 1914. By cash to J. L. Miller, 5 per cent. fund -----	16.78
Februray 7, 1914. By cash to R. W. Murray, Treasurer's bond -----	2.50
February 18, 1914. By cash to R. C. Whittington, (15 days benefits) -----	15.00
April 24, 1914. By cash to J. J. Smith (24 days benefits) -----	48.00
	\$ 92.28
June 30, 1914. To balance -----	\$1,830.73

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. CLARKE, Treasurer.

GREENVILLE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 648.56
June 23, 1914. Received check from Insur- ance Commissioner -----	193.47
	\$ 842.03

Disbursements.

June 5, 1913. By cash to check for commis- sions -----	13.85
June 30, 1914. To balance -----	\$ 828.18
Respectfully submitted, JAMES L. LITTLE, Treasurer.	

HENDERSON.**Receipts.**

Balance in bank as last report	\$ 541.60
December 31, 1913, interest	10.65
June 30, 1914, check, insurance department	125.14
July 1, 1914. Interest	10.74
	\$ 688.13

Disbursements.

Less draft J. L. Miller, Jan. 23, 1912	8.81
Less draft J. L. Miller, July 8, , 1913	6.00
Less draft J. L. Miller, July 1, 1914	6.25
	\$ 21.06

Leaving balance on hand (in bank)	\$ 667.07
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Respectfully submitted,
M. J. O'NEILL, Treasurer.

HENDERSONVILLE.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 73.11
June 22, 1914. From J. R. Young	73.95
No disbursements.	\$ 147.06

June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 147.06
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Respectfully submitted,
C. S. FULBRIGHT, Treasurer.

HICKORY.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 440.99
Check James R. Young	74.01
Bank interest	17.90
	\$ 532.90

Disbursements.

By cash to J. L. Miller, Seeretary	3.70
	\$ 3.70

June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 529.20
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Respectfully submitted,
J. A. BOWLES, Treasurer.

HIGH PONT.**Receipts.**

To balance on hand last report, July 15, 1913	\$1,285.97
To interest up to and including July 1, 1914	50.51
To collector Jas. R. Young, Insurance Com.	
June 23, 1914	310.29
	\$1,646.77

Disbursements.

By cash to A. L. Sechrist, Dec. 25, 1913	25.20
By cash to J. G. Martin, December 2, 1913	21.60
By cash to J. M. Teague, Jan. 17, 1914	27.00
By check to John L. Miller, Secretary, July 1, 1914.	15.51
To balance cash on hand July 1, 1914	1,557.46
	\$ 1,646.77

Respectfully submitted,

ED. L. RAGAN, Treasurer.

KINSTON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 776.09
June 28, 1914. To check received from Insur- ance Department	180.92
To interest on certificates of deposits	12.03
	\$ 969.04

Disbursements.

December 10, 1914 By cash to W. D. La Roque, agent, Premium on bond	5.00
By cash to Jno. L. Miller, secretary, 5 per cent. on amount received from Insurance depart- ment	9.05
	13.05

June 30, 1914. To balance cash on hand and in banks	\$ 954.99
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Respectfully submitted,

E. G. BARRETT, Treasurer.

LAURINBURG.

Receipts.

Cash received for two years	98.20
	\$ 98.20

Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary S. F. Association	4.91
	\$ 4.91

June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 93.29
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Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. GILL, Treasurer.

LINCOLNTON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	28.45
	* 28.45

Disbursements.

By cash to State Firemen's Association	1.42	\$ 1.42
June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 27.03

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS A. SUTTLE, Treasurer

LENOIR.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	214.12
June 30, To check from Insurance Commis- sioner Young	76.72
To interest on above	12.84

Disbursements.

June 30, 1913. By cash to J. L. Miller, Sec...	3.84	\$ 3.84
June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 299.84

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. COTTRELL, Treasurer.

LEXINGTON.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 574.55
Dec. 11, 1913. To Commercial and Savings Bank, interest	11.41
March 9, 1914. To First National Bank, Int.	22.34
July 1, 1914. To First National Bank, Int...	3.28
July 11, 1914. To Commercial & Savings Bank, Interest	5.84
July 9, 1914. To Jas. R. Young	100.63

Disbursements.

March 9, 1914. By cash to E. C. Woodleaf, for injuries	5.00
July 9, 1914. By cash to Jno. L. Miller, 5 per cent. commissioon	30.75
June 30, 1914. To balance on hand	\$ 622.16

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. ROTHROCK, Treasurer.

LUMBERTON.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 75.70
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Oct. 1. To interest -----	.71
Jan. 1, 1914. To interest -----	.72
April 1, 1914. To interest -----	.73
June 27, 1914. To Firemen's Relief Fund -----	81.73 \$ 155.81

June 30, 1914. To balance ----- \$ 155.81

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. PAGE, Treasurer.

LOUISBURG.

Receipts.

June 23, 1913. To balance on hand per report made to Secretary -----	\$ 240.49
June 24, 1914. To amount from State Insurance Commissioner, 1913 -----	66.96 \$ 307.45

Disbursements.

June 7, 1914. By amount paid W. N. Fuller per order Board of Trustees for injuries-----	18.00
By amount paid B. H. Meadows per order of Board of Trustees, injuries received -----	28.00
June 24, 1914. By amount 5 per cent. commission paid Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, on \$66.96	3.35 \$ 49.35
June 24, 1914. To balance on hand brought down -----	\$ 258.10

MONROE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 405.97
Interest accrued -----	16.23
No disbursements.	

June 30, 1914. To balance ----- * 422.20
 Respectfully submitted,
 G. B. CALDWELL, Treasurer.

MOREHEAD CITY.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 61.03
June 25, 1914. To amount received from James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner -----	19.11 * 80.14

Disbursements.

June 30, 1913. By cash to John L. Miller, 5 per cent. amount due Association-----	.96	\$.96
June 30, 1914. To balance -----		\$ 79.18

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. ARTHUR, Treasurer.

MOORESVILLE.**Receipts.**

June 23, 1914. To check from James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner -----	\$ 23.14	\$ 23.14
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Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary-----	1.15	\$ 1.15
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June 30, 1914. To balance -----		\$ 21.99
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Respectfully submitted,

E. C. DEATON, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

MORGANTON.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report-\$ 233.80		
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January 24, 1914. Received from Jas. R. Young 49.69	\$ 283.49
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Disbursements.

July 9, 1913. By cash to J. L. Miller, Secretary-----	2.37	\$ 2.37
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June 30, 1914. To balance -----		\$ 231.12
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Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WALTON, Treasurer.

MOUNT AIRY.**Receipts.**

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report-\$ 550.48		
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To check Insurance percentag -----	106.63	\$ 657.11
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Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller, 5 per cent on \$106.63	5.33	5.33
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June 30, 1914. To balance -----		\$ 651.78
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Respectfully submitted,

E. C. FOY, Treasurer.

MOUNT OLIVE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report \$	75.51
To check to Jas. R. Young, Insurance Com-	
missioner -- -- -----	38.47
	\$ 113.98

June 30, 1914. To balance -----	\$ 113.98
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Respectfully submitted,

A. N. MARTIN, Treasurer.

NEWBERN.

Receipts.

Feb. 15, 1914. This is the time the office and books were turned over to me-----\$	826.67	\$ 826.67
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Disbursements.

Feb. 26, 1914. By cash to J. S. Ringold, 10 days benefit -----\$	20.00
Feb. 26, 1914. By cash to R. C. Whitley, 15 days total, and 6 days partial -----	36.00
Feb. 26, 1914. By cash to R. A. Nun, premium on Treasurer's Bond -----	10.00
April 28, 1914. By cash to R. D. Sparrow, 25 days -----	50.00
	\$ 116.00

June 30, 1914. To balance -----	\$ 710.67
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Respectfully submitted,

O. A. KAFER, Treasurer.

NEWTON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report \$	23.32
June 24, 1914. To check Ins. Commissioner	21.74
No disbursements.	* 45.06

June 30, 1914. To balance -----	\$ 45.06
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Respectfully submitted,

J. H. McLELLAND, Treasurer.

OXFORD.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report \$	457.50
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To amount received from Insurance Commissioner	-----	107.66	\$ 565.16
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June 30, 1914. To balance	-----		\$ 565.16
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Respectfully submitted,

JNO. R. HALL, Treasurer.

RALEIGH.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 67.97	
Oct. 1, 1913. To check received from Insurance Commissioner	-----	291.10
July 1, 1913. Interest	-----	.67
Oct. 1, 1914. To interest	-----	.11
Jan. 1, 1914. To interest	-----	2.25
April 1, 1914. To interest	-----	1.77
		\$ 363.87

Disbursements.

June 1, 1913. By cash to W. Z. Blake, fireman	-----	\$ 20.00
By cash to W. W. Flow, disabled fireman	-----	150.00
Oct. 22, 1913. By cash to C. D. Farmer, claim for injury	-----	18.00
Nov. 18, 1913. By cash to 5 per cent. to State Association	-----	14.55
Nov. 24, 1913. By cash to C. D. Lloyd, claim for injury	-----	14.40
Dec. 23, 1913. By cash to Treasurer's Bond	-----	5.00
June 30, 1914. By cash to balance in Merchants National Bank, Raleigh, N. C.	-----	141.92
		\$ 363.87

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. GOWAN, Treasurer.

REIDSVILLE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 530.81	
To interest on time certificate	-----	22.06
To amount received for 1913	-----	122.60
		\$ 675.47

Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller, 5 per cent. on \$122.60	6.13
By cash to Bonding Company for renewal of	

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Treasurer's bond	-----	5.00	\$ 11.13
June 30, 1914.	To balance	--	\$ 664.43

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS WOMACK, Treasurer.

ROANOKE RAPIDS.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913.	To balance on hand last report	\$ 8.71
To check received from Insurance Commis-		
sioner	-----	20.60 \$ 29.31

June 30, 1914.	To balance	\$ 29.31
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Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CLARK, Treasurer.

ROCKY MOUNT.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913.	To balance on hand last report	\$ 914.87
To interest to July 1, 1914	-----	35.37 \$ 950.24

Disbursements.

Feb. 4, 1914.	By cash to R. W. Rawls, benefits	14.00	\$ 14.00
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June 30, 1914.	To balance	\$ 936.24
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Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

ROXBORO.

Receipts.

June 30, 1914.	Received from Insurance De-	\$ 43.18	\$ 43.18
partment	-----		
No disbursements	-----		

June 30, 1914.	To balance	\$ 43.18
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Respectfully submitted,

J. M. O'BRIANT, Treasurer.

SALISBURY.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913.	To balance on hand last report	\$ 651.33
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To 10 per cent of Jim Hess claim returned to relief fund	1.30
To interest at 4 per cent. from July 1, 1913 to July 1, 1914	26.26
July 9, 1913. To check received from Jas. R. Young	189.28
	\$ 868.17

Disbursements.

By cash to Treasurer's bond, \$1,000, one year	5.00
By cash paid claim to Jim Hess, two days total, nine days partial at two; partial at one per day	13.00
July 13, 1914. By cash to J. L. Miller, check 5 per cent. of \$189.28	9.46
	\$ 27.46
June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 840.71

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. BROWN, Treasurer.

SANFORD.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 82.73
Received from Jas. R. Young	30.37
	\$ 113.10

Disbursements.

By cash to J. L. Miller, Secretary	1.52
June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 111.58

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. UNDERWOOD, Treasurer.

SHELBY.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 3.12
June 20, 1914. Received Com.	52.59
No disbursements.	\$ 55.71

June 30, 1914. To balance	\$ 55.71
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Respectfully submitted,

H. D. WILSON, Treasurer.

SPENCER.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 132.35
To check, J. R. Young, June 15, 1914	37.14
	\$ 169.49

Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller 5 per cent. of \$37.14	1.86	\$ 1.86
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June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 167.63
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Respectfully submitted,

C. H. VUNCANNON, Treasurer.

SOUTHERN PINES.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 93.91	\$ 93.91
Received June 30, 1914, for 1914	39.27	\$ 39.27

No disbursements.

June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 133.18
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Respectfully submitted,

T. P. VIAALL, Treasurer.

STATESVILLE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	394.25	\$ 394.25
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No disbursements.

June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 394.25
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Respectfully submitted,

E. G. GAITHER, Treasurer.

TARBORO.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 448.07
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June 23, 1914. To amount received from J. R.	74.02
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Young, Commissioner	
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June 30, 1914. To amount received from interest on time certificate	17.98	\$ 540.07
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Disbursements.

June 29, 1914. By cash to Jno. L. Miller,	
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Secretary	-----	3.70	3.70
June 30, 1914. To balance	-----		\$ 536.37
Respectfully submitted, C. A. JOHNSON, Treasurer.			
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THOMASVILLE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 72.48
To check received since	62.97
No disbursements.	

June 30, 1914. To balance	-----	\$ 135.45
Respectfully submitted, J. A. MORRIS, Treasurer.		
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WARRENTON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 112.34
June 23, 1914. To cash from J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, check	41.22

Disbursements.

July 7, 1913. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	\$ 2.00
July 18, 1913. By cash to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	5.86
Aug. 11, 1913. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
Sept. 6, 1913. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
Oct. 9, 1913. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
Nov. 1, 1913. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
Dec. 6, 1913. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
Jan. 13, 1914. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
Feb. 23, 1914. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
March 14 1914. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
April 8, 1914. By cash to John Palmer for Hiliard Mills	2.00
April 17, 1914. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
June 6, 1914. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00
June 6, 1914. By cash to Weldon Montgomery	2.00

June 30, 1914. To balance	-----	\$ 121.70
Respectfully submitted, R. J. JONES, Treasurer.		
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WASHINGTON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$ 695.02	\$ 695.02
No disbursements.		

June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 695.02
Respectfully submitted,		
FRANK H. BRYAN, Treasurer.		

WAYNESVILLE.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$	
June 30, 1914. -----	\$ 45.67	\$ 45.67
No disbursements		

June 30, 1914. To balance		\$ 45.67
Respectfully submitted,		
F. W. MILLER, Treasurer.		

WILSON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$1,047.60	
To amount receive from Insurance Commis-		
isoner -----	246.57	
To interest one year, 1913 balance-----	41.90	\$1,336.07

Disbursements.

By cash to Jno. L. Miller, Secretary -----	12.33	\$ 12.33
June 30, 1914. To balance -----		\$1,323.74
Respectfully submitted,		
GEORGE HACKNEY, Treasurer.		

WILMINGTON.

Receipts.

June 30, 1913. To balance on hand last report	\$3,705.70	
Dec. 1, 1913. To interest on bank account	1.29	
March 1, 1914. To interest on bank account	.36	
June 1, 1914. To interest on bank account	.36	
		\$3,707.71

Disbursements.

Sept. 30, 1913. By cash to W. A. Dick, agent, renewal bond	-----	10.00
Dec. 24, 1913. By cash to Mr. J. N. Mohr, five months ending December 21, 1913 @ \$12.50	62.50	\$ 72.50
June 30, 1914. To balance -----		\$3,635.21
	Respectfully submitted,	
	CHAS. N. EVANS, Treasurer.	

WINSTON-SALEM.**Receipts.**

Balance on hand July 1, 1913	-----	\$2,856.38
Interest earned to July 1, 1914	-----	85.54

Disbursements.

Dec. 1, 1913. Mrs. Mary Price, widow	-----	\$ 60.00
Dec. 2, 1913. Paid C. J. Scales	-----	42.00
Dec. 29, 1913. Paid W. H. Smith	-----	48.00
Dec. 29, 1913. Paid Thos. M. Hairston	-----	32.00
Dec. 29, 1913. Paid J. J. Swepson	-----	40.00
Dec. 29, 1913. Paid Jas. King	-----	52.00
Jan. 7, 1914. Paid Wm. Williamson	-----	56.00
March 1, 1914. Paid R. E. Peddyord	-----	10.00
March 1, 1914. Paid Sam Hill	-----	60.00
June 1, 1914. M. McNulty, (flowers)	-----	10.00

Balance on hand, July 1, 1914. ----- \$2,531.92

Note: Check for 1913 fund, amounting to \$814.95, was not received until after July 1, 1914, therefore is not included in this report.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. HOLCOMB, Treasurer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

Asheville—J. E. Rankin, chairman; Wm. Francis, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Wood, S. G. Bernard, W. R. Patterson.

Belhaven—T. F. Reddick, W. B. Tooly, George Gradeless.

Benson—A. L. Barefoot, J. H. Rose, Preston Woodall, W. D. Boon.

Burlington—Jno. T. Love, chairman; Chas. O. Walker, secretary and treasurer; T. S. Faucett, J. W. Montgomery, R. M. Marrow.

Charlotte—J. W. McGinn, W. F. Simpson, Thomas Griffith, Geo. A. Page, secretary and treasurer.

Concord—Jno. L. Miller, chairman; J. H. Dorton, secretary; L. T. Hartsell, treasurer; W. W. Flowe. M. L. Marsh.

Durham—Tom F Southgate, chairman; Geo W. Woodward, M. E. Newsom, C. A. Wicker, B. C. Cannada.

Edenton—W. M. Bonds, chairman; R. F. Tuttle, Thos. W. Elliott.

Elizabeth City—F. M. Grice, D. B. Bradford, J. H. Aydlett, Chas. Reid, Glen Daniels.

Enfield—C. E. McGwigan, treasurer; A. S. Harrison, J. T. De Berry.

Fayetteville—J. D. McNeill, W. W. Horne, R. G. Haigh; R. G. Jones, C. W. Rankin.

Gastonia—S. S. Shuford.

Graham—Chas. A. Scott, J. C. Walker, Allen D. Tate.

Greensboro—W. L. Cranford, chairman; E. L. Clarke, secretary and treasurer; E. J. Mendenhall, H. J. Elam, J. E. Webb.

Henderson—W. A. Hunt, chairman; M. J. O'Neill, secretary and treasurer; H. T. Powell, W. H. Stone, J. H. Cheatham

Hickory—J. L. Cilley, Eubert Lyerly.

Kinston—E. B. Marston, F. V. Webb, J. F. Taylor, L. O. Moseley, E. G. Barrett

Lenoir—J. L. Cottrell, treasurer; E. F. Allen, A. G. Ford, R. C. Lyerly, J. D. Mathewson.

Lexington—E. E. Rothrock, treasurer; A. L. Fletcher, Jno. C. Bowen, J. N. Mendenhall S. W. Finch.

Lumberton—L. R. Varser, M. F. Caldwell, G. T. Page, secretary.

Monroe—J. C. Sikes, R. A. Morrow, G. B. Caldwell, H. W.

Austin.

Morehead City—W. E. Headell, C. S. Wallace, Richard Faddry, G. L. Arthur.

Mooresville—D. E. Turner, J. F. Darrah, E. C. Deaton, C. A. Mayhew.

- Morganton—Manly McDowell, W. I. Davis, W. T. Hogan, W. A. Harbison, W. E. Walton.
- Mount Airy—T. B. McCargo, chairman; A. V. West, S. M. Hole, C. R. Merritt, E. C. Foy, treasurer.
- Newbern—R. A. Nunn, secretary; A. H. Bangert, O. A. Kafer, treasurer.
- Newton—F. E. Garvin, J. A. Gaither, N. A. Littles, J. A. Young, J. H. McLlland.
- Oxford—E. L. Parham, E. T. Crews, A. H. Powell, W. H. Hunt, Z. W. Lyon.
- Raleigh—Chas. W. Harris, chairman; R. T. Gowan, secretary and treasurer; W. R. Macy, J. F. Jordan, Walter Woolcott.
- Reidsville—E. F. Hall, L. D. Watt, Will Williams, W. T. Wooten, Francis Womack.
- Rocky Mount—L. F. Tillery, R. R. Gay, D. D. Daughridge, W. S. Moye, J. J. Battle, secretary and treasurer.
- Roxboro—J. M. O'Briant.
- Shelby—H. W. Jetton.
- Tarboro—Geo. A. Holderness, Geo. Howard, C. A. Johnson.
- Washington—Jno. B. Fowle, F. C. Kugler, R. T. Gallagher, F. J. Berry, Frank H. Bryan.
- Waynesville—J. H. Howell, Samuel Miller, Cleveland Plott.
- Wilmington—W. A. French, F. A. Lord, J. G. Gieschen, Chas. Schenibbens, Milton, Calder.
- Winston—R. C. Taylor, J. L. Critz, F. A. Fogle, C. E. Tesh, C. M. Norfleet.

M. M. Boykin

EVENING SESSION.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen of the Association: When you adjourned this afternoon, you adjourned to meet at 8:30 in this building. The hour has arrived, the meeting will please come to order and continue the business of the Association.

The first business in order will be to finish the item we were on, which is reports of officers. Is the Statistician ready to report?

Statistician:

Yes, sir.

President McNeill:

The Statistician's report is in order. What shall be done? It is a lengthy document, one very well gotten up.

Mr. Boyden:

Read it, we haven't heard one in some time.

A Member:

I move to dispense with the reading of it.

Mr. Boyden:

I think it ought to be read to this body of men. Of course, if you gentlemen don't want it, I have no objection, but think it should be read.

A Member:

Is it published, Mr. President?

President McNeill:

Published in the minutes of the proceedings.

A Member:

I move its suspension.

(Motion to suspend the regular order, and that the Statistician's report be not read, but printed in the Minutes, being duly seconded, same was carried and so declared.)

The following is the report:

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN.

To the President and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

As your Statistician, I beg to submit my report for the year closing December 31st, 1913.

The usual tabulated statement giving full report will appear with this, though since this is only for reference, and cannot be read in a formal report, the attention of the members is called to the following facts which are taken from the report at large:

Number of companies reporting, either wholly or in part, 31; number of companies not reporting, 21; total fires reported, 738. Of this number 84 occurred from defective chimneys or flues, and 12 from defective wiring, making 96 fires or 13 per cent of the total from what might be called bad construction—largely preventable causes; 135 fires occurred from sparks, either from chimneys or locomotives. If shingle roofs and trash fires could have been done away with, very few of these fires would have occurred.

The total value of property risk was \$8,721,942; total damage, \$588,648, leaving value of property saved from destruction \$8,124,294.

There are 936 volunteer firemen and 162 paid firemen, three cities report full paid departments. There are 13 auto trucks in service in this State.

Attached hereto will be found list of towns and cities which have not submitted reports to date. If their reports are sent to the Statistician immediately after the Convention, they will be entered in the report as published in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. DAVIS,
Statistician.

President McNeill:

Is the Auditing Committee ready to report?

Chairman Auditing Committee:

Yes, sir.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your auditing committee, beg to make the following report. We have examined the Secretary and Treasurer's books, and find them correct and neatly kept.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. HORNEY,
D. D. OVERTON,
J. H. DORTON,
J. T. DILLIHAY,
Committee.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen you have heard the report of the Auditing Committee, reporting your finances in good shape. What shall be done with it?

(It was moved and seconded and unanimously carried that the report of the Auditing Committee be received, and is handed to the Secretary for filing).

Secretary Miller:

Mr. President, since our adjournment this evening, we have had the privilege of enrolling three companies from the town of Carthage. I move they be allowed the privilege of the floor of this Convention and be voted accordingly.

President McNeill:

Since the Credential Committee reported, the town of Carthage has joined the Association, as stated by the Secretary. Without objection, they will be seated on the floor of the Convention, with all the privileges of the other members.

(There being no objection, same was ordered.)

President McNeill:

My firemen friends, as well as the white firemen of North Carolina, as you doubtless know, we have in some of the towns and cities of the State very patriotic and well equipped colored firemen. I know in my town they represent a very valuable part of our fire department. Their State Association meets in our town this month. They have a quartette and asked me if it would not be agreeable for them to give a few selections to their white firemen friends, and in your name I will accept it. Professor, the house is yours for a few minutes.

(Here the colored quartette rendered several selections.)

President McNeill:

We are all very much obliged to you and want you to come to Fayetteville and sing in some of the churches.

A Member:

I move that the Association tender these colored men a vote of thanks. Motion carried.

President McNeill:

As President of the Association I thank you personally.

Member from Chapel Hill:

I would like to make a motion that we take a collection for the colored firemen of Winston-Salem, to assist them in attending their convention.

(Whereupon a collection was taken for this purpose, and gratefully received by the colored quartette.)

Commissioner Young:

Mr. President, I just want to take up one minute of your time and that of the Convention in calling your attention to two matters. I hold in my hand the report from the town of Biltmore. You all know where that is, up near Asheville. It was built up by Mr. Vanderbilt. It has \$200,000 worth of property in it, and reports that from the first day of January, 1913, to the first day of January, 1914, there was not a single fire, due to the construction of that city. I think that is a lesson that it is well for every fireman here to carry home.

The other lesson is found in your statisticians report of the number of fires reported—738; 84 occurred from defective flues and 12 from defective wiring; 135 from sparks from chimneys or locomotives. The result is that 231 of the 738 occurred from defective flues, defective wiring and shingle roofs and brush piles, so that these are caused by four things—32 per cent. of the fires in North Carolina, reported by your statistician, occurred from these four things, all preventable. I take it, Mr. President, that this is worthy of your attention.

President McNeill:

Now, gentlemen, I ask your consideration to a short talk

on the fire waste laws, by Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, who will also demonstrate it.

Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, formerly Chief of the Raleigh Fire Department and now Deputy Insurance Commissioner, spoke as follows:

Gentlemen, at the invitation of the President, I will read the paper which I read in the Municipal Convention in Charlotte, May 3d. Now the Subject is:

BENEFITS OF INSPECTION OF BUILDING BY FIREMEN.

The subject of inspection by members of the Fire Department has been discussed in practically every convention of firemen held in recent years, and I do not propose to go into a discussion of the subject from a theoretical standpoint, but rather to show what the department to which I belong has done and is doing, and to give the reasons underlying what we do. Inspections by the Fire Department are in no way connected with insurance inspections and are made for an entirely different reason and in a different manner. There are two principal reasons underlying inspections by the fire department; one in order to educate the firemen, and the other to see that the laws of the city or state are carried out. Of course, suggestions are offered wherever they are deemed necessary, but a building is studied primarily with the idea of fighting a fire within it under existing circumstances. That is my idea of inspections by the fire department. The fire department should come next to the health department in the consideration of a city government, and should, as nearly as possible, consist of men who are brave, intelligent and conscientious. The Chinese pay their physicians while they are in good health and stop paying them when they fall ill. We used to laugh at this custom, but the philosophy of it appeals more and more to the twentieth century mind, and the doctrine of prevention is beginning to be the most prominent feature in the present-day problems. If a fire department keeps down the fire loss and keeps its city in a safe condition by reducing the fire risk to a minimum, it has done next to the best possible work in public service. Until recent years the fire departments of all cities,

except the largest were composed of volunteers, and of course their only object was to put out a fire after it had started. That idea naturally obtained to a great extent when the paid fire department came into existence. Should you ask the average fireman today what he is paid to do, he will tell you that he is paid to put out fire. That is all right as far as it goes, but the duty of a fire department not only lies in putting out fires, but in keeping the city in a safe condition by removing probable causes of fire wherever they exist. These causes are never apparent and have to be looked for. The intelligent department, therefore, has regular and frequent inspections, and they must be thorough. Now just a word as to the benefits derived by the department from inspections. Education has come to mean a thorough and intelligent knowledge of your particular job—and a fireman has to be made, just as a man in any other trade or profession is made, by educating him in fire-fighting. The day a man comes into the department of which I am chief, his education begins. He is taught to properly use all the apparatus used in the department and is put through regular practice drills that familiarize him with the apparatus and also serve to keep him in fit physical condition. He is also taught the location of all the fire alarm boxes, the nearest and best route to them from his station, and his position and work after he gets to the fire. Having become thorough in these elementary things his real education in fire-fighting begins, and, incidentally, every man whom I have trained since I have been chief of the Raleigh Fire Department has realized at this stage of his education that the business of being a fireman is a serious one.

Two Kinds of Fire-Fighting.

There are two kinds of fire-fighting; one with a stage setting of lurid flames and great billows of smoke against a midnight sky with the clang of gongs, blowing of whistles, hoofbeats of horses, shrieks, yells and the hiss of water as the streams are turned on the flames; another, without any stage setting, consisting in going through buildings day after day, down into cellars, up into garrets, through store rooms and into places where oil and explosives are kept, pointing out this condition and that from

which fire could originate and having them reminded in time to prevent the possibility of fire. This kind of fire-fighting has a great many things to recommend it; it is certainly less expensive to the property owner than the other kind, and it serves to educate the men and make them alert in observing any conditions that might cause fire. It also serves to bring about co-operation from the business men whose buildings are constantly being inspected—and as in the health department, the fire risk can be materially abated in any city only by the intelligent co-operation of the citizens. A third and most important thing to both the fireman and the property-owner, is taught by these frequent inspections, and that is the plan of the building. When the scene of the fire is reached the first thing to do it to enter the building. Now the building is on fire, usually at night; a line of hose has to be stretched into it quickly, the fire has to be located, and the point of advantage from which to fight it has to be selected, all this in the shortest possible space of time. Also the fireman should know, when he gets into the building, what is under him and what is over him, where the stairs are, whether there are any blind passages, elevator shafts or other openings in his path; where the windows are and how to open them; where the standpipes are, if any, and also whether any persons sleep in the building and if so where they sleep. It would, of course, be impossible for him to have this information unless he has made a number of thorough inspections of the building. It is not at all impossible for him to know all these things and more, instantly, if he has made such inspections. So much for the inside of the building. It is equally important that he should know the adjoining buildings, if the fire is in the business district, for it is often the case that the most advantageous point from which to fight such a fire is from the roof or windows of an adjoining building. Of course the shortest and most convenient route to such windows or roof and the only way to know is to go and look before the information becomes necessary. Then, too, every officer should know how to get to every side of a building, should know all the ways through which a fire could possibly spread to an adjoining building and how to work to check the fire at these points. He will not be able to do this unless he has been on the premises and is familiar with

them. This familiarity with the plan of the building serves another good purpose—it enables them officers and men to quickly and accurately locate the fire. You cannot stand in the street and tell where the fire is; neither can you stand in the street and put water in the heart of the fire. The building must be entered and the fire must be handled entering the building in which the fire is, you must get at it from another building, and unless the premises are familiar to both officers and men, valuable time will be lost scurrying around to find an entrance and two minutes may mean everything in fighting a fire. I have a complete index or diagram of the fire district in Raleigh showing every building in detail, and in addition to inspections every officer studies these detailed plans, with suggestions, as diligently and thoroughly as a child ever studied White's First Arithmetic. If a fire should start in the fire district every officer would know just as soon as he arrived on the spot the entire layout of the building on fire, and the buildings surrounding it, and there would be no lost motion in getting into action. To sum up the benefits in inspection to the firemen:

First. It makes them familiar with their job, impresses them with the fact that fire-fighting is a real business and not a pastime, and gives them the strength that education along right lines imparts to every man in every walk of life.

Second. By making them efficient it increases their interests in their work and makes most of them work hard for promotion.

Third. By constantly working together in drills they come to have confidence in each other, and by knowing that their officers are familiar with the plan of any building in which they may be called upon to fight a fire, and by being familiar with the building themselves, they are able to go about the work of putting out a fire as coolly as they would go about eating a meal. Of course a fire may get away from them some time, but it will be because everything that could be done has not been done to prevent it.

Reducing Fire Risk.

The benefits to the city from inspections become apparent when one reviews the benefits to the fire department

for the two are so closely related that it is almost impossible to separate them. Reducing the fire risk is one of the chief benefits. It provides a basis on which the city can work for equitable insurance rates. It also gives to the citizens an assurance of comparative safety from fire that has a real value. It serves to uncover conditions that, to the average citizen, are hardly noticeable until his attention has been called to them—and then they are usually quickly remedied and are not allowed to exist any more.

Decreased Life Risk.

Another benefit to the city is the decreased life risk. Very little has been said about that risk, and yet to save life and to consider the life risk is the first great duty of a fire department. In the recent St. Louis fire thirty-seven lives were lost. The next day twenty-two apartment houses were closed down until they could be made safe. It would have been far better had this course been pursued one day sooner and have included the Missouri Athletic Club. In one American city is a cemetery in which two hundred and sixty graves of children show that proper precautions had not been taken in the schools of that city. These two cases could have been prevented, yet today the cities which have been spared similar disasters cannot see why they should be called upon to take the proper precautions. Here is the way to prevent them. Where ever there is a building in which people sleep, other than residences, and where people congregate, such as moving picture shows, factories, skating rinks, theatres, and above all schools, make it the duty of the fire chief to inspect them frequently and make written reports to his governing body. Let him be certain that every occupant has at least two ways of quickly leaving the building. In case he finds a building not so equipped, make it his duty to have it made safe or else close it. One case of smallpox will often close a large school, yet, in North Carolina thousands of children are daily being subjected to more risk by attending school in buildings from which they would have no chance to escape, in case of fire, than they would run from smallpox in a lifetime. A person can be vaccinated against smallpox or typhoid fever, but you can't fix one so as not to be suffocated or die from burns. One word in closing that is almost personal, but

is tremendously important. There are two kinds of nerve in this game of firefighting—one the kind that will scale a ladder and bring a woman or child down from the fourth or fifth story of a burning building at the risk of the fireman's life. Every full grown man has that kind of nerve, and the only advantage the fireman has in such a case is that he can do the stunt a little quicker and with a wider margin of safety because he is accustomed to climbing ladders and working under excitement. The other kind is tested when the chief or some officer of the department has to go to an influential citizen and require of him that he make alterations, or put on equipment that will render safe some building which he owns, when the owner cannot see the necessity for making such improvements. In the latter case the chief or officer often has a small margin of discretion and this has thrown down many a good man who lacked the requisite nerve. The governing body of the city ought, of course, to back up the fire chief of fire officer to the limit in such cases—but politics is politics. The only real protection, and one which is being rapidly provided throughout the country, is civil service for the fire department. Civil service puts a fire department on a strictly merit basis, they are at all times amenable to the orders of their superiors—but they cannot be discharged except for cause; and a well regulated civil service will enable the governing body of a city to get rid of a bad man quicker than all the politics in the world. To sum it all up: When the city pays for a fire department it should in return receive intelligent work, and no set of men can intelligently fight fire unless they know their apparatus and know their field. When the fire department keeps down the fire loss, reduces the fire risk and keeps a city in a safe condition, it is doing one of the best possible things in public service.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen, as I stated, this is one of the most important laws that we have before us as firemen, this matter of fire prevention, and enforcement of the fire waste laws. As you know, our getting the relief fund depends on our enforcement of these laws to the satisfaction of Mr. Young, the Fire Commissioner. Chief Brockwell's discussion was interesting, it is all true, and I hope that all of us, myself

among the rest, may take it home. I would like to have that matter thoroughly discussed, and if anyone has anything to say, I ask that the discussion may be short. The paper is a valuable one on an important subject.

Chief Daughridge, of Rocky Mount:

If Chief Brockwell will let us have a copy of his report I move that the North Carolina State Firemen's Association have the copy printed and send it to every fireman.

President McNeill:

Amend your motion by moving that the address be printed in our regular annual minutes, and we will all get one.

(Motion to have Chief Brockwell's address printed in the minutes, being duly made and seconded, same was unanimously adopted and so declared.)

Mr. Turner, of Louisburg, moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Brockwell, which being duly seconded, was unanimously carried and so declared.

President McNeill:

Anything else under the head of Miscellaneous Business?

Vice President Boyden:

I will not take up but a moment. I have been a fireman for about fifty years, and I don't hesitate to say that I consider this the most valuable paper ever read before the firemen of North Carolina, and think it wise that they should take advantage of the splendid, magnificent, practical illustration of how to fight a fire. This great war that has just broken out abroad reminds us that in 1870 the Germans whipped the French, and it was on the same principle that this young man has tried to illustrate and demonstrate to you tonight. The Germans knew every foot of ground, every by-path, hog-path, road, everything, leading to the success of their army, and the French were absolutely in ignorance of their own country, and the Germans whipped the French, and as this gentleman has demonstrated, the way to fight a fire is to know something about where the fire occurs. I am perfectly delighted myself, and in order to bring this matter before the Convention and to endorse it thoroughly, I have written off a resolution, that I beg you will listen to, and introduce it if you please.

RESOLUTION.

(1). That we, the Firemen of North Carolina, endorse the decision of Insurance Commissioner Young to employ in his department a skilled and experienced fireman to be used in extending aid and information to our cities and towns and their fire departments.

(2). That we pledge to him and his deputy our best aid, and urge that the authorities of our cities and towns be urged to avail themselves of the aid they offer.

Mr. Boyden:

I offer that as a resolution and hope the house will adopt it unanimously.

(Motion to adopt resolution being duly made and seconded, same was unanimously adopted, and so declared by the Chairman.)

Mr. Young: I want to thank you and your convention for the adoption of the resolution, and the reception you have given to the young man who is to undertake this work, and I, on behalf of my department, and Mr. Brockwell pledge to you the very best efforts that we can give you, and your cities, in making you and the cities you represent do the best work in preserving the lives and property of North Carolina. We propose to make this department an aid to you, that every one will recognize, and I want to say that North Carolina moves along this line the first of any State in the Union.

President McNeill:

Anything else under the head of Miscellaneous Business?

Mr. Waller, of Burlington:

On behalf of the Committee on Transportation, I understand that we have received a raw deal from the railroad companies in carrying our equipment. Many companies state that they were unable to get here until last night, were kept in Greensboro, switched around nearly all day. We left home at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and could not get here until 10 o'clock yesterday; they kept us in Greensboro and switched us all day. If they could not bring us into Winston, instead of switching us on some side track

and letting us stay, they switched us back and forth, and other companies are in the same fix, rendering their horses unfit for racing, or impairing his abilities, besides the worry attendant on the people having him in charge. I think our Transportation Committee ought to ask the railroad company to give us a special train out of here. We ought not to take two or three days to get back home. I don't know if it was the local agent's fault or whose, but anyhow, it was a raw deal. We don't want to have to stay on the railroad 18 hours going back.

President McNeill:

As far as I know I make it my business to arrange our tariff, getting rates as you know that are less than any other organization. This matter of transportation, as you know, is a matter between you and your local agents. Now if it is taken us with your local agents in time to prepare for these companies, I don't believe you will have any trouble. The trouble with most companies is that they wait too late, then have to take what they can. I notified my people in ample time. They gave me an express car. I came through with horse and wagon. Don't see why Burlington should not have been handled just as well, unless the railroad was overcrowded moving troops to Georgia. But, boiled down to the bottom, the railroad companies transport our apparatus absolutely free, and they give us a rate as firemen which is exceptionally low. I don't think they make anything off of us, and if you will take the matter up with your local agents in time and arrange your schedule, I don't believe you will have any trouble. I have always found the railroad people exceptionally courteous, anxious to do anything they can. Has anybody else had treatment that they think not right? If so, this is the best place to talk about it. For one, I can't grumble. Every courtesy was shown me, the rate was \$3.20 from Fayetteville and back, and they brought me right straight through on an express car, but I took the precaution to look after it a week ago, and if you noticed, in the circulars I sent you, I asked you to take it up with the local agent in ample time, and I believed if you did, you would not have any trouble.

Mr. Waller:

We got out of Burlington all right, but got hung up at

Greensboro, and some that started Saturday did not get here until last night at 12 o'clock. If they don't make complaint, I won't make it for them, but we don't want it to occur again. We appreciate what the railroad does for us, but we would rather pay than have our horse jerked about by a switching train.

President McNeill:

I will entertain any motion, but don't see what we can do except through local agents.

Chief Foister, of Chapel Hill:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I beg to report a collection of \$16.00 for the colored firemen.

President McNeill:

I know they will appreciate it. They have arranged to hold their convention in Fayetteville.

President McNeill:

The next thing, we will go into the Memorial Session. Mr. Boyden, will you please take the chair?

(My Boyden takes the chair.)

President McNeill:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Convention: At the last meeting in Wilmington, you endorsed through your President that the ritual for Memorial Sunday be printed in your proceedings. In these minutes that you have copies of, on page 100 you will find the ritual for our memorial services, making the second Sunday in June Firemen's Memorial Memorial Day for North Carolina. I wish that just as many of our departments as can do so will observe this day. In your towns, when the second Sunday in June comes, all meet and hold these memorial services; they are simple, beautiful, and it has been of great benefit to the departments. You will find that ritual printed. It simply selected a church and the pastor preaches a sermon to the department, then you leave and go back to your assembly room or a square or a grave in the cemetery and carry out the simple services. I trust you will pay more attention to this in the future than you have in the past.

Now, Mr. Chairman, if there have been any departments who have lost members since the last meeting, I

would ask that their names be presented in this memorial session, that their names may be printed on our memorial sheet, to show they were firemen and died as members of the Association. Are there any departments that have lost members during the past year?

The following names were presented to the Secretary to appear on the memorial sheet:

IN MEMORIAM

A. D. COOPER, Statesville
L. C. BYLES, Concord
J. H. WALLACE, Charlotte
W. B. GLENN, Charlotte
R. A. KENNEDY, Charlotte
M. T. GWALTNEY, Tarboro
J. C. SUMMONS, Graham
W. C. KEEVER, Hickory
P. N. FICH, Wilmington
M. D. DOWDY, Winston-Salem
J. E. SEAMAN, Durham
A. N. JOHNSON, Durham
J. W. MOORE, New Berne
H. P. SMITH, New Berne
WM. E. SMITH, New Berne

It was announced that, owing to the absence of the gentleman who was to have delivered the memorial address, and inability to secure a substitute, this address would have to be omitted.

Mr. McNeill:

Mr. President, as stated in my report today, on the first day of July, when the wires brought the news that Chief Wallace and Ex-Chief Glenn, and three other members of that department had been killed or seriously injured by an explosion, it brought a feeling of sorrow to my heart, as though I had suffered an extremely personal loss. It made me feel for every other fireman in North Carolina a deep feeling of sympathy, and at one I took it upon myself to send wires to all the leading departments of the State, stating the occasion, and suggesting to them that they also join me by wires and telegrams of sympathy and sorrow to the families of the deceased. More than that, I went to Charlotte as your representative, attended the double funeral, saw that vast crowd of the people of Charlotte, at least 25,000 and 30,000, with their heads bowed in sorrow, paying tribute to those men that if they had lived to be a hundred, they could never have hoped to attain the place in the hearts of the people in this State that their unfortunate death brought to them. In the double funeral, they were given all the honors. Representing you, I had a floral design made, placed on their casket as an emblem of our sorrow and esteem. It right and proper, my friends, that we should hold this memorial session, pay this tribute of love to our comrades who have passed to the great beyond. The time will soon come when we shall join that great army in the world beyond, let us pay tribute now, that we may win the same tribute when we go.

This memorial service is eminently right and proper, and I suggest that those that sent the names in to the secretary also send in to be published in this, a short sketch of the man and his life and the position which he held.

Member from Charlotte:

Mr. President and Brother Firemen: I wish to extend thanks for your sympathy in our great calamity for the many words of comfort we received from you all, and to thank our president and secretary and treasurer, and all

who came down to be with us during our bereavement, in loss of our chief and member, and thank you for the sympathy by word and telegram and letter.

Mr. Boyden:

If there is no other name to present, this closes our Memorial Session.

Chairman Boyden:

The next in order is the voluntary reports of other organizations.

Mr. McNeill:

We have been getting that in recent years covered by the report of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Boyden:

The next is the election of officers.

Member from Burlington:

I take it that it is the mind of this convention that there is only one man in the State that we want to honor for the first position in the Association. I believe it will be wise and proper for us to continue this until, as it has been said this morning, that a higher power removes him from our McNeill, of Fayetteville, for president.

There being no other nominations, the Chairman announces that Mr. J. D. McNeill is, for the 21st time, elected President of this glorious body of men.

President McNeill thanks the men, but declines to make a speech.

Acting Chairman Boyden retires from the chair, and President McNeill resumes his duties as Chairman.

Mr. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury was nominated as Vice President, and the nomination duly seconded. There being no other nominations for this position, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the meeting for Mr. Boyden as Vice President, which was accordingly done, and Mr. Boyden declared elected.

Mr. Boyden:

I want to thank you for this honor and assure you I prefer it to being postmaster of Salisbury.

Mr. A. M. Clark, of Southern Pines, was nominated as second Vice President, and nomination duly seconded.

There being no other nominations, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote for Mr. Clark as second Vice President, which was accordingly done, and Mr. Clark declared by the Chairman to have been elected second Vice President.

Mr. John L. Miller, of Concord, was nominated as Secretary and the nomination duly seconded. There being no other nominations, it was moved and seconded that he be elected by acclamation, and same was accordingly done and so declared by the Chairman.

President McNeill:

Gentlemen, you could not have a better officer to save your life.

Mr. Waller, of Burlington:

The Association has been fortunate in the selection of its officers, since I have been a member. There has not been an inefficient man, but it has always had the very best of officers. Now, I think with calm judgment and due deliberation that we can continue in this path. I understand that our present treasurer is in no sense a candidate—I don't know whether that is true or not. He has made a most faithful officer, and it will be hard to find a man who will do as well, certainly none any better, but in as much as he is not a candidate, I want to place in nomination a gentleman whom I think will be a worthy successor, and this gentleman is so well known, is is not necessary to say anything more in his behalf, except that he is a staunch business man and will do his whole duty by this association. I have the pleasure to present for your consideration Mr. Frank B. McKinne, of Louisburg.

Mr. Meredith, of Tarboro, placed in nomination for the position of Treasurer, Mr. Charles Schnibbens, of Winston, which nomination was seconded by Chief Hopper, of Winston.

Mr. Generett, of Asheville:

When I came to this Association, it was not my intention to nominate or second the nomination of any of the candidates that were placed before you for consideration. I am satisfied that any man whom this Convention may elect to act as one of its officers will be a worthy man. However, my Chief instructed me and the delegation from

Asheville to give our strength to the candidate who was nominated first for the office of Treasurer, that is provided Mr. Taylor did not want it. Therefore Mr. Taylor having declined, I suppose I am relieved of my fealty to him, and may fulfill the wish of my Chief by seconding the nomination of Mr. McKinne, of Louisburg. I believe he will make us a good officer because the Department of Louisburg is effective and very enthusiastic and would put the business of the Department before other business.

President McNeill:

The nominations of Mr. Frank B. McKinne, of Louisburg, and Mr. Charles Schnibben, of Wilmington, are before the Convention. It is moved that the nominations be closed and the Chair so orders. The Convention will prepare itself to ballot for this position F. B. McKinne, of Louisburg, and Charles Schnibben, of Wilmington. The rule is that every Chief can vote for himself as an individual, every Assistant Chief can vote for himself as an individual, the Superintendent of Water Works can vote as individual. Your companies have the right to cast your vote as companies. You have two delegates, they can vote as they see fit as one or each one can vote, one for each. Each company is entitled to two votes to cast as they see fit. Now the roll will be called and I will appoint tellers.

Mr. W. N. Fuller was appointer teller to represent Mr. McKinne; Mr. Meredith teller to represent Mr. Schnibbens.

The vote having been cast in the usual way, it is announced that Mr. McKinne received 82 votes and Mr. Schnibben received 122. It was moved by Mr. Turner, of Louisburg, that the vote be made unanimous for Mr. Schnibben, which motion being duly seconded, was unanimously carried, and it was announced that Mr. Schnibben was elected treasurer by acclamation.

Mr. Schnibben:

Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the Convention, I thank you all for your kind support, and I will try to take good care of your funds for the next twelve months. I want to thank you all once more, and when you come down to Wrightsville Beach, stop in Wilmington to see me.

President McNeill stated that, in the event of two good

men being candidates, it was his usual custom not to vote for either, but in this instance, he had promised his vote to Mr. Schnibben, in case Mr. Taylor was not a candidate, and so voted.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a Statistician.

The names of Mr. M. Stewart Davis, of Louisburg and of Mr. T. D. Davis, of Newbern, are duly placed in nomination for the position of Statistician. Whereupon Chief Schnibben is appointed teller for Mr. Davis, of Newbern, and Mr. W. N. Fuller teller for Mr. Davis, of Louisburg. The vote being cast in the usual way, it is announced that Mr. Davis, of Louisburg, received 67 votes, and Mr. Davis, of Newbern, received 121 votes; whereupon Mr. T. D. Davis, of Newbern, is declared duly elected Statistician. Mr. Davis responds and hopes to make as good a one as the last one.

Dr. Royall:

I am not a kicker, but I want to ask for information. Mr. McKinne has been defeated for Treasurer. Now, I want to ask the delegates who voted for Goldsboro teams how many are here. What two are here, the Chief and the Assistant Chief. Now, who voted for the wagon team?

A Member:

It is only in keeping with what the gentleman said this morning, that he is not a reform politician.

Dr. Royall:

How many delegates from Goldsboro?

A Member:

I notice that one gentleman cast a vote for different teams. We have a delegate here from every team in our town, and they don't happen to be in the house. I cast a vote for every one of them. If that is wrong it should be changed.

President McNeill:

That is wrong and I tried to make it as plain as the English language. I declined to let some vote by proxy. The chairman and management of the Association did its best. I can see where your mistake came because you are a new member.

A Member:

The Chief of the Fire Department is not here at all.

President McNeill:

You could vote for yourself and your company, that is all you could vote for. There is no voting by proxy in the Convention. I regret exceedingly that this was not brought up before, so we could have another ballot. It is my ambition and highest purpose that everything connected with this Convention be absolutely fair, and if any of you noticed that going on, you should have called attention to it while the ballot was being taken.

A Member:

That thing was called to my attention while the balloting was going on. I asked the gentleman to wait until the ballot was cast.

A Member:

That is what our friend from Morehead City was talking about this afternoon. In the face of this, I make a motion that that ballot be thrown out, and another called.

Motion seconded.

President McNeill:

There is no man in the world who has striven more for purity in the Convention, than the man talking to you. If, on reconsideration, another vote is called for in the name of fairness, I would rule that it be given.

A Member:

We don't want anything but fair play, we went into it as fair and above board. If this Convention sees fit, give us another ballot, and let the men rise, we will appreciate it.

President McNeill:

What is the wish of the Convention? Reconsideration?

A Member:

I suggest that the motion of reconsideration should come from the winning side.

President McNeill:

Didn't I say that. I mean to say that.

A Member:

I move that on future roll calls, that the delegates be called by name, according to the report of the Credentials committee, and that they rise and cast their vote for their choice.

President McNeill:

That will be so ordered. I will do everything to make this ballot, while I am your presiding officer, absolutely fair. I thought I had done it in the explanation made before your vote was taken. I can't conceive of anyone casting an illegal vote in this Convention. I would cut off my right hand before I would do it. One delegate can cast the vote of his company if he is here by himself, that has been ruled.

Chief Hopper:

The gentleman from Louisburg made a motion that Mr. Schnibben's election be made unanimous. I want to know what he is going to do with that motion.

Mr. McKinne:

I am not the gentleman who made the motion, I am the gentleman defeated by unfair means. I want to say here, you can ballot as many times as you please, but under no circumstances will I be a candidate for anything until internal politics have been reformed. When I came up here on the train with two men, who give me the glad hand, who have written letters assuring me of their support, when they come and cast six votes against me, I think it is my time to get out and place myself on the altar of pure politics, and I wish to say I will not be a candidate under any circumstances before this meeting.

A Member:

I, too, am a new man in the Convention. I would like ask, can a Chief cast a vote for his company and then for himself?

President McNeill:

No he can not. He can vote for himself. I stated a Chief could vote one vote for himself, but not that and his company both. I stated that clearly and plainly to everybody.

Mr. Waller, of Burlington:

I think this discussion has had the desired effect. It is getting late, and in the interest of harmony, let's pass over it. I think the gentleman who cast the votes are sorry, but at our next meeting we will have some reformed politicians.

President McNeill:

Under the head of "Unfinished Business," the only thing I know: At the last Convention a committee was authorized to get up a certificate of membership so that all members could have it to keep. That certificate has been gotten up by the Executive Committee, and therefore, with your permission, it will be referred to that same committee.

Under the head of "Unfinished Business" would come the announcement of the teams that participate in the tournament. What is the wish of the Convention?

Mr. Taylor, of Winston:

I would like to have just one word. I want to thank the members of this Association for the support they have given me for the last nine years. I also want to thank those friends who have come to me since they came to this place and asked me to enter the race. I didn't feel that I could enter the race, and told them I was not a candidate but I want to thank them for their support.

A Member:

I move that this Convention make a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for the services given in the last nine years.

This motion is carried by a rising vote.

President McNeill:

Yes, he made a most excellent officer, no doubt about that.

Member from Newbern :

Under the head of "Unfinished Business." We carry 62 feet of hose that is no use to us in this race. I don't see any reason why we should only carry 288 feet of hose carried by the race.

President McNeil :

I move you should lay no less than 288 feet, brake, coupling and water. But if making up that, if you have a 46 ft. length, no service to you, only adds weight to the wagon.

In any event this is a question of fact. The Convention has a number of judges fo your race, and they adjust these matters, and their decision is final on them.

A Member:

I am willing for it to be that way, but see no good. Some carry it on the driver's seat, some on the axle.

It should be carried like all other hose. (Reads rule.)

A Member:

I move that we amend it to say 288 feet.

President McNeil :

Then he could not make a coupling if he carried only 288 feet. You would be short that coupling or the 288 one. That is a question for the judges to settle, it is not a convention for this Convention. Address that to the Secretary in the morning. Make your motion to the Executive Committee, to be acted on before next morning. It can't be done now.

There was a motion to entertain a vote for the next place of meeting.

Chief Davis, of Newbern, tenders an invitation to meet next year in Newbern, which is read by the Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Meredith, of Tarboro, that the Convention meet next year in Newbern, which motion being duly seconded, was unanimously carried as so declared.

Vice President Boyden :

I want to say that I am delighted that our friends at Newbern have gotten the Convention, and I hope to go, but I want to put in a claim for 1916 for Salisbury. I represent the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Board of Trade and the Merchants' Association, and other good men in the city of Salisbury, and the best looking set of women you ever saw. So think about it, and come to Salisbury in 1916.

President McNeil :

Before we adjourn, you recollect you have your arrangements to make for your tournament. The Secretary will be glad to have the names of all those teams that propose to enter the tournament races. Don't all speak at once. Call the roll, Mr. Secretary, see what we have got.

The Secretary here made up a list of competing teams.

It was announced that the parade would start next morning at 10 o'clock and members were requested to be on the ground by 9:30. All captains of wagons were requested to meet at the Zinzendorf Hotel at 9 o'clock to name their judges and draw for places. Captains of reel teams to meet at 9:30.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the appreciation of the members for the courtesies shown them by the citizens of Winston-Salem, the railroads, the firemen of Winston-Salem and others and that same be printed in these minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet in Newbern in 1915.

RITUAL.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association—

Mr. Friends and Comrades:

At our 1809 convention, held in Wilmington, the State Association adopted the second Sunday in June of each year as "Firemen's Memorial Day." It also authorized me as your executive official to formulate a ritual for the proper observance of that day in memory of our deceased comrades.

1. The Chief will appoint a committee to select some one church for a morning service, at which time the pastor will deliver a sermon to Firemen.

2. The Chief will issue an order summoning the active, veteran and honorary members of the department to fire headquarters in time for such service, and will proceed from there to the church in a body. On conclusion of services members will retire to assembly room.

3. Arriving at assembly room, the Department will be called to order. Reading of the 23d Psalm by some quartette or the entire membership. At short address by some fireman, or eulogies of deceased comrades by members. Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee." On conclusion of hymn, an altar or table having been arranged in the center of room, upon which is a parchment containing the names of deceased comrades, the secretary will call the names of the deceased thereon, one by one, the Chief answering "dead" after which the officers and entire membership, commencing of the deceased thereon, one by one, the Chief answer "dead," after which the officers and entire membership, commencing with Chief, and in the regular order of rank and file, one at a time,

in silence, shall proceed to the altar and deposit his boutonierre of "Forget-Me-Nots" upon the parchment, repeating the words, "**Peace Be With You.**" Every member having deposited his boutonierre, the benediction will be pronounced and department dismissed.

4. Boutonieres of "Forget-Me-Nots," to be provided for each member, and to be worn during the entire service, from start to finish, until deposited upon the altar.

Where department have a monument or square in the cemetery, or some especial grave that they desire to honor, Section 3 can be used at cemetery in place of assembly room.

It being eminently right and proper that we should honor those of our comrades who have passed into the great beyond, I again urge upon you, my comrades, to observe, as near as your local conditions will permit, the above ritualistic services.

Fraternally yours, &c.,

JAS. D. McNEILL, President,

N. C. S. F. Association.

RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENTS AND RACES

Held Under Supervision of Association.

RULE I.

There shall be held annually an Association Tournament, at such time and place as the Association shall from time to time direct, at which Tournament, and no other, the championship of the various branches of the firemen's service shall be contested for.

All tournaments shall be under the auspices of the Association, but the arrangements shall be made by the firemen and citizens at the place at which it is to be held.

RULE II.

SSection 1. Champion prizes, other than money prizes, shall be the property of the Association, subject to their control, but will be in possession of the champion companies until within ten days of the meeting of the Association, when it shall be returned to the Secretary, and then he shall place the same in the hands of the judges of the race for which it is offered before the companies start in said race.

Sec. 2. The Association shall have power to suspend any company from participating in any annual Tournament.

SSec. 3. All companies, members of the Association, can contest for prizes at the annual Tournament, unless suspended.

Sec. 4. All prizes hereafter offered for contests at the annual Tournament of the Association, for which there has been no competition, shall revert to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association championship prizes, to be competed for as provided in the preceding section.

RULE III.

Section 1. The captains of the competing teams shall select the judges and timekeepers at each Annual Tournament, who shall decide each and every contest which takes place at said Tournament. That no one shall serve as judge in any of the

contests who is not a resident of North Carolina, and who is a member of the competing company taking part in these contests, and the decision of these judges shall be final.

RULE IV.

Section 1. Any company attempting to win a prize by fraud, deception or foul play, or in any dishonorable way, or who shall disobey or infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these rules, shall forfeit any prize won thereby, and shall be subject to suspension or expulsion.

Sec. 2. None but regular organized companies, who have been organized at least thirty days prior to the Annual Tournament and are members of this Association, can compete for any championship, and no person shall be allowed to run with or assist any company in any contest who has not been a member of said company at least thirty days prior to such contest.

RULE V.

Section 1. Every person taking any part in any contest requiring running shall be required to start with his company from the starting point.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the starting judges to start each team by saying, "Are you ready?" after which a pistol will be fired or an electric bell sounded, and time take from these.

Section 3. All contestants in races must be decently clothed, the Executive Committee to decide.

RULE VI.

Section 1. The start and outcome judges in any contest shall, by means of flag signals, signify the readiness for a start prior to any run.

Sec. 2. Times must be placed at the outcome and time must be settled by them before reporting to the judges, and they must report their readiness to judges at outcome before each team is started.

RULE VII.

Section 1. The names of the contestants in each team and the names of not more than four substitutes in each team must be handed to the Secretary of the Association prior to the contests, and such list must be accompanied by a certificate from the

foreman and secretary of the department to which the team belongs that such parties the actual members in good standing in said department.

Section 2. In cases of a tie being made by teams in any contest the judges shall immediately order such teams to run over, and such runs shall decide the contest.

RULE VIII.

Section 1. All Hand Reel races shall be run on the second day of the Tournament.

Sec. 2. That the town at which the Tournament is held shall be required to have attached a hydrant at which runs the made a pressure gauge that the water pressure may be seen at all times.

Rules Governing Hose Companies.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

Section 1. Any cart capable of carrying 500 feet of regular hose may be used. Number not to exceed sixteen men and a foreman.

Sec. 2. Hose race, wet or dry, distance to hydrant 200 yards, lay 300 feet of hose, uncouple, put on pipe, time to be called when pipe is dropped to the ground in dry run, and when water leaves the pipe in wet run, carts not to carry less than 250 feet of hose reeled into one continuous line. Companies must not exceed sixteen men and a foreman.

Sec. 3. The Association shall purchase an electric starting apparatus, which shall be used in starting all races of the Association. The apparatus to be between the wheels in four wheel apparatus, and behind the reel in reel races.

Sec. 4. Pipe to be carried on cart by pipemen from the start. Pipe shall be of such style or pattern as teams may select. Provided always, they are suitable for active service. No coupling other than standard screw couplings shall be allowed.

Sec. 5. No man to start ahead of leaders or to fall in and assist in dragging the apparatus after the start.

Sec. 6.—No professional runner will be allowed to compete in any contest. The term "professional runner" is applied to one who has or is following racing as a profession or means of livelihood, and common reputation shall be deemed conclusive evidence of such profession, which shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 7. All couplings used must be standard screw couplings, eight threads to the inch, and adapted to two and one half inch fire hose; the hose on each coupling not to be shorter than forty-eight feet.

Sec. 8. All work must be done by hand or spanners.

Sec. 9. Snap spring and unproportioned couplings or any attachments to couplings to assist in breaking or making BARRED.

Sec. 10. When time is called, competitors must step back be-

fore moving, then turn pipe off to see that it takes the required three turns to disconnect.

See. 11. That the Association, at its meeting previous to the time such championship race shall come on, shall elect three judges, one time keeper and one whose duty it shall be to take charge of the race under above rules and report the results to the Secretary as soon as the race is over.

Rules and Regulations Governing Money Prizes.

Trucks to be weighed and one man allowed to every seventy-five pounds—Captain and Ladderman not included with the running team, but to run in the contest.

Distance to be run, one hundred (199) yards—take off and raise one ladder, man to ascend and touch top piece of ladder and descend, replacing ladder. Ladder must be raised by hand—no hook or poles allowed.

STEAMER CONTEST.

Quick Steam From Start to Finish.

Two entries required.

Engine to come to starting point hitched up. To run 200 yards. Take suction attach hose and throw water 50 feet from nozzle through not less than 98 feet of hose.

Time for firing engine optional after signal to start is given. Driver, Engineer and Stoker to ride on engine. Hose wagon to follow with not more than six men exclusive of driver. Time to be taken from starting signal until water goes over the 50-foot line. Quantity and quality of fuel optional.

Quick Steam—Two to Enter.

Steamer to come to cistern empty and cold; to be filled with cold water until the engineer running the engine says "stop;" fuel to be furnished by the judges, and must be the same as fired with in case of fire (either wood or coal and not over one-half gallon alcohol or oil.) Time to be taken from pistol shot and throw water 50 feet through not less than 48 feet of hose. That the stack on engines in all contests from this time forward shall not exceed two feet and throw water over the 50-foot line continuously for five minutes.

Distance—Two to Enter.

Steamer throwing water the greatest distance, with not over 100 pounds of steam, through not less than 48 feet of hose; size of nozzle optional.

The steam guage of each engine to be tested by all competing engineers prior to the contest

HAND REEL CONTEST.

Two to Enter.

Sixteen men and a foreman allowed.

Reel to carry not less than 148 feet of standard two and one-half inch hose to be connected on the start as well when ready for duty at fires (three full threads); to run 150 yards, unreel not less than 98 feet of hose, attach same plug, screw pipe to hose (any size nozzle), throw water in quickest time. Water to show opposite or beyond the hydrant, or company shall be ruled out. The plug must be closed, cap on three threads, at the time of the company starting on the run, shall be opened by the wrenchman running with the company. No straps or couplings allowed.

The hose must be let go as soon as attached to the plug. If the butt is blown off the company shall be ruled out. No couplings shall be used without nipples.

No company shall be allowed to assist another. In the run each company is required to furnish a roll of its members to the Secretary of the Association on the morning of the first day as early as possible. Fifteen minutes will be allowed each company after the judge's signal for ready and any company failing to start within that time shall be ruled out. Two entries required. No one allowed inside the ropes except the company making the run. The company making the best time wins the first prize. No company allowed to enter more than one team.

GRAB RACE CONTEST.

Company to run 50 yards, grab reel and run 50 yards to plug, unreel not less than 48 feet of hose, attach same to plug and throw water—drag rope to be up or down (optional with company). Plug must be closed when company starts to run as same as the Reel Contest. Coupling to be broken opposite or beyond plug. Should butt or nozzle blow off, company to be ruled out.

HAND TRUCK HOOK AND LADDER RACE.

Company allowed one man to every 75 pounds, exclusive of Ladderman and Captain. Must run 100 yards, take off and raise

one ladder (which must not be less than 30 feet long); man to ascend and touch piece or round of ladder and descend; replace ladder.

Ladder must be raised by hand. No hooks or poles allowed.

HOOK AND LADDER CONTEST—HORSE TRUCK.

Two to Enter.

Companies allowed one or two-horse truck. Truck to be weighed. Weight for one horse not less than 1,500 pounds exclusive of driver and men, for two horses not less than 2,600 pound. Horse or horses to be hitched to truck, rear wheels on starting line, man to ascend and touch top piece or round of ladder and descend, replace ladder on truck in same position as when removed. Ladder must be raised by hand. No hooks or poles allowed. Not less than two entries allowed, exclusive of driver and ladderman.

HORSE REEL RACE.

Two to Enter.

Companies allowed the use of any four-wheeled Hose Carriage or Wagon, either one or two-horse, to carry not less than 350 feet standard-two and one-half inch hose. Carriage or Wagon to be weighed; weight for one horse not less than 1,200 pounds, exclusive of driver and men; the driver, buttman and coupling breaker shall ride on Carriage or Wagon, horse or horses to be given a moving start of 50 yards behind the actual starting line. The starting to be so located as to be a 200 yard run for horse to hydrant, where company is to unreel. Time to be taken, when front wheels of wagon pass over starting line until water shows, unreel not less than 288 feet of hose, break coupling and attach pipe and show water. Water must be shown within 50 feet of 288 foot line; hose to be reeled in carriage or placed on wagon, connected with three full threads. The plug must be closed at the time of the company starting and cannot be opened until hose is first started to be unreeled. Companies allowed five men in addition to those who ride, can be placed in such position as desired. Time taken from first signal until water shows. If butt or pipe blows off company shall be ruled out and hose must be let go before pressure is taken off. Where ballast is used the certificate must show kind of ballast and weight of same.

Other Events.

ONE HUNDRED YARD FOOT RACE.

Men to run 100 yards. Two men to selected by the captain of each company. The one making the best time wins the prize.

SACK RACE.

Contestants to be developed in bags to the neck, run 50 yards. All persons entering must run at the same time.

BARROW RACE.

To run 50 yards. Contestants to be blindfolded. The one coming nearest the mark wins the prize.

GENERAL RULES.

All contestants will be required to take part in the parade, unless excused for satisfactory reasons, same to be made in writing.

In no case will a second trial be allowed.

Each company's run will be decided by lot.

Captains will select all judges on the morning of the contest. All competing companies must furnish the judges with weight of apparatus—to be weighed on city scales.

Companies wishing coupling, city standard, eight threads to the inch—will be furnished with the same on application to the Chief of Fire Department.

Hose will be furnished on the day of contest if desired. No person will be allowed to enter any of the contests unless he is a bonafide member of the company with which he enters.

N. B.—Judges must be governed by the above rules, as no changes will be allowed under any circumstances.

An Act to Incorporate the North Carolina State Fireman's Association.

Be IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED:

Section 1. That C. D. Benbow, J. G. Fowler, H. J. Elam, A. T. Boyd, C. F. Thomas, J. R. Donnell, Charles Wittington and S. D. Wilson, of Greensboro; J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; J. T. Thacker, W. F. Keith, S. A. Sick, C. D. Snipes, F. H. Vogler, F. C. Meinung, of Winston-Salem; E. B. Englemard, T. W. Blake, F. H. Lumsden and F. Branan, of Raleigh; H. E. Heartt, of Durham; J. B. Swinson, of Charlotte, and such other persons as are associated with them, and their successors, be and hereby are, constituted a body politic and corporate the name of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and by that name sue and be sued and prosecute and defend suits in all courts in the State and may have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure. May take contracts and be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real or personal estate for the benefit of said Association or corporation, provided, the said corporation shall not at any time hold real or personal estate of greater amount than ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

Sec. 2. The purposes for which said Association is organized: The protection and promotion of the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina, the compilation of fire statistics, the collection of information concerning the practical workings of different systems of organizations, the examinations and inquiry concerning the merits in the same, the cultivation of a fraternal fellowship between the different companies of the State.

See 3. Said Association or corporation shall have power to appoint officers, hold meetings, adopt Constitution and enact such By-laws in such manner as their Constitution may prescribe, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects and aims of the Association; provided that such Constitution and By-Laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the Constitution of the State and the United States.

See. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

The North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

PREAMBLE.

We, the members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony action, insure prosperity and promote the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina, and compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of the different apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires, also the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several Fire Departments of the State, do hereby establish the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, and they shall constitute the Executive Committee and will hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association by ballot, the successful candidate to receive a majorities of the votes cast.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The members of this Association shall consist of the several Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of Fire Departments, Fire Marshals, Superintendents of Fire Alarm, Telegraph and Water Works, and each regular organized Fire Company in the several Fire Departments of the State; said persons and companies complying with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association; all individual members of such fire company shall also, by virtue of their membership in such company, be members of this Association for the purpose of participating in the benefits of this Association, and the funds distributed by it, so long as the company remains a member of this Association and complies with the Constitution and By-Laws, and no longer. But should any member fail to pay his pro rata assessments, when called for, he shall be debarred from the privileges of the Association.

Sec. 2. Any member injured or made sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of his duty as a fireman shall be entitled to the benefits from the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of this Association, as follows: At the rate of two (\$2.00) dollars while totally unable to attend to his ordinary business by reason of such injury or sickness, but such beneficiary, arising from any particular injury or sickness, shall not lose time longer than one hundred days from date of such injury, or beginning of such disability created by sickness; when partially disabled may receive \$1.00 per day not exceeding twenty days; but the Executive Committee may extend such benefits to the next annual meeting of said Association held next after the expiration of said period of one hundred days, and the Association at the annual meeting will, at its pleasure, determine the time for which such benefits may be received. That 10 per cent. be deducted from all claims for benefits and placed to the credit of the General Fund to defray expenses of the same. In case of death from such sickness or injury, this Association shall pay the widow of the deceased \$250.00 and \$50.00 for funeral expenses, and in case the deceased should have no rel-

atives, this amount shall be paid into the treasury of the company of which he was a member. Every person or company eligible and desiring to become a member of the Association shall make application to the Secretary and at the same time pay to the Secretary the prescribed membership fee, and thereupon, if such applicant be eligible he shall become a member of this Association.

Sec. 3. Every fire company in the State, which is a member of the Association, shall, on or before the first day of August in each year, elect two delegates and also two alternates, to serve for the ensuing year, with the Chief Engineer and First Assistant of the various departments as delegates at large, who are entitled to one vote each. They shall be beneficiary members of the Association and shall show on our beneficiary roll.

Sec. 4. All companies represented in this Association must be in full accord and in good standing in the fire department where they are located, and if at any time they are not so, they shall forfeit all right to membership in this Association; but that companies who retire from active service for a term of not more than two years shall be considered entitled to all privileges of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place, in each and every year, as the Executive Committee may select, as a majority of the members present at the Association shall designate and special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. Any failure to hold any annual meeting at the time designated in the Constitution shall in no wise make a dissolution of the Association.

SSec. 3 The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as they may desire, on a call of the President or a majority of said committee.

ARTICLE V.

Cec. 1. The Association shall have power to alter, amend or revise this Constitution and By-Laws, but it shall be necessary for a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association present entitled to vote. Provided, the proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

BY-LAWS.**ARTICLE I.**

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Association and to sign all orders duly granted by the Association or Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Association, to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association. To keep a roster of the names of the different companies composing the Association and the individual membership thereof, and to collect the initiation fee and per capita tax, to pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall receive as compensation for his services \$100 per annum to be paid quarterly by warrant on the Treasurer signed by the President.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the Secretary and receipt him for the same. He shall collect annually from the State Treasurer the amount appropriated by the Legislature for the Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall disburse no moneys except on order of the President or by instruction of the Association in annual meeting assembled. At the annual meetings he shall make a full report of all moneys received and distributed by him, and shall execute a bond to the State of North Carolina to the amount of \$5,000, to be approved and filed with the Treasurer of the said State of North Carolina and shall make a detailed report to the said Treasurer of the yearly expenditure of the Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall execute a bond in the sum of \$800 to this Association for the security of the General Fund; said bond must be approved by the Executive Committee. He shall receive \$150 for compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant issued by the Secretary and signed by the President.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to correctly compile the statistics of each village and city in the State of all matters pertaining to the fire service, annually correcting the previous reports, which shall include everything of interest to our firemen.

and be so arranged as to be comprehensive in every detail. The expenses of all printing, printed matter and postage necessary in the sending for and receiving of such information to be paid for by the Association, and he shall receive \$25 annually for his services.

Sec. 6. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to have published the proceedings of the Association; to transact all business of the Association during the time intervening between the annual meetings, and they shall constitute a Board of Trustees for the management of all funds of the Association. At all meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum may determine all questions.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. Each company shall pay membership fee of five dollars, fifty cents per capita yearly thereafter in advance for dues; and each Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Marshall and Superintendent of Fire Alarm, Telegraph and Water Works shall pay one dollar annual dues in advance. The Secretary of the Association shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SSec. 2. The annual dues shall be paid on or before the first day of January in each year, in advance for the ensuing year, and all members who fail to comply with section, shall thereon, and by reason of such failure cease to be members of this Association and cannot again become members except by a new application, made in regular form, paying the prescribed fee for membership.

Sec. 3. Any individual or company, members of this Association, who at any time, fail to act in a gentlemanly manner, may, upon charges being brought before the Association, be expelled from said Association by a majority vote of the membership.

Sec. 4. Any exempt fireman may, upon the payment of two dollars and of the regular dues, become a member of this Association, with all the rights and privileges of any other member.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. All members sick, or injured in the line of fire duty, shall be entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund

of this Association as follows: At the rate of \$2.00 each day, while unable to attend to their regular business, as provided in the Constitution. That 10 per cent. be deducted from all claims for benefits and placed to the credit of the General Fund to defray expenses of the same.

Sec. 2 In case of death from sickness or injury received in the performance of fire duty, \$250.00 and \$50.00 for funeral expenses.

Sec. 3. For the widow, or in case there is no widow, to the children; if there is no child or children, to the mother of the deceased fireman, the \$250.00 and the \$50.00 for funeral expenses, and in case there be no relative, to be paid to the Treasurer of the company of which he was a member.

Sec. 4. The Chief or Acting Chief shall certify before a Magistrate or Notary Public on Blank form, in triplicate, furnished by the Secretary, all particulars regarding each case where a benefit is required, accompanied by the certificate of the attending physician.

Sec. 5. Application for benefits shall be made to the Secretary in compliance with forms to be furnished by him for that purpose, and shall be made within thirty days after receiving the injury or contracting the disease complained of but said time for making said application may be extended by the Executive Committee for good cause shown.

Sec. 6. The action of the Association upon all questions that may arise as to granting or referring relief and benefits, both as to amount thereof and the person claiming, and as incidental thereto, upon all questions relating to the rights or claims of membership, shall be final and conclusive and the action of the Executive Committee upon said questions shall in like manner and extent be final and conclusive until the same be changed by the Association at its annual meeting.

The following recommendation was read and unanimously passed at Winston-Salem, July 18, 1905:

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to make the following report upon the communication presented to it by Mr. M. J. O'Neill

in regard to the salary of the President and the traveling expenses of officers of the Association:

We recommend that the salary of the President be allowed to remain at \$150.00 per year, as fixed by the Convention held in the City of Goldsboro, and that such expenses as may be actually and necessarily incurred by the President when absent from home upon business of the Association, to be incurred at his discretion, be paid upon his voucher out of the General Funds of this Association, and that the actual expenses of officers of the Association in attending annual Conventions be likewise paid out of the General Funds.

We recommend that these provisions be incorporated in the By-Laws of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum; all questions of order shall be decided by him, subject to an appeal of the Association.
2. Every member when he speaks shall rise, standing in his place, addressing the presiding officer, and shall omit personalities and confine himself to the question under debate.
3. When two or more members shall arise at once, the presiding officer shall name the one who shall speak first.
4. A member when called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain by the Chair. If there be no appeal the decision shall be conclusive.
5. Every delegate shall vote unless excused by the Association but no delegate shall vote on any question in which he shall have a direct individual or pecuniary interest and the President shall only vote in case of a tie.
6. The ayes and nays shall be taken and entered upon the minutes of the Association if required by three delegates.
7. All business not provided for in these By-Laws shall be transacted according to the parliamentary rules that govern deliberate bodies.

An Act Creating a Relief Fund for Disabled Firemen.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO
ENACT:

Section 1. That the sum of \$2,500.00 be, and the same is hereby appropriated annually, and shall constitute a Firemen's Relief Fund, but in no case shall the said appropriation exceed one-half of the license tax levied and collected by the State from insurance companies.

Sec. 2. That the Treasurer of the State shall pay the amount constituting the Firemen's Relief Fund to the Treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association on the warrant of the Auditor of the State.

Sec. 3. That the money so paid in the hands of the Treasurer of the said North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be known and remain as the Firemen's Relief Fund of North Carolina, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, members of the Association, who may be injured or rendered sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of duty as firemen; and for the relief of widows, children, and if there be no widow or children then the dependent mothers of such firemen killed or dying from disease so contracted in such discharge of duty to be paid in such manner and in such sums to suit individuals of the classes herein named and described as may be provided for and determined upon in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association. Any such provisions and determination made pursuant to said Constitution and By-Laws shall be final and conclusive as to the persons entitled to benefits and as to the amount of benefit to be received, and no action at law shall be maintained against said Association to enforce any claim or recover any benefits under this Act, or under the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association, but if any officer or committee of said Association omit or refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him or them, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any proceedings

against said officer or committee to compel him or them to perform such duty.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall give a bond to the State of North Carolina, with good and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, in double of the sum received by him, for the faithful performance of his duties under this Act, and shall make a detailed report to the State Treasurer of the yearly expenditures of the appropriation under this Act on or before the end of the fiscal year.

Sec. 5. The line of duty specified in Section 3 shall not be so construed as to mean any other duty except actual fire duty, which shall consist of service in the department from the time of the fire alarm until members are dismissed by the company officers at roll call; also any actual fire duty connected with the fire department when directed to perform same by officer in charge.

Sec. 6. That any fireman of good moral character in North Carolina, and belonging to any organized fire company, who will comply with the requisition of the Constitution and By-Laws of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, may become a member of said Association, and any organized fire company in North Carolina, holding itself ready for duty, may, upon compliance with the requisitions of said Constitution and By-Laws, become a member of said North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Sec. 7. That the provisions of this Act shall apply to any fireman who is a member of a regularly organized fire company.

Sec. 8. That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 6th day of March, A. D., 1891.

Amendment.

An act of the last Legislature reads as follows (see page 11, Proceedings of 1893.)

An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 868, Laws 1891. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the Treasurer of the State shall pay the amount constituting the Firemen's Relief Fund on the warrant of the Auditor, three-fourths to the Treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association properly chartered by law. That the said Treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association shall give bond, and the said Association shall disburse the funds in same manner and under same rules as in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Sec. 3. That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified March 6th, A. D., 1893.

Amendment.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Section 2, Chapter 474, of Laws 1893, be amended as follows:

That the word three-fourths in line three of said Section be stricken out and the word one-fourth be inserted in lieu thereof.

Ratified this the 28th day of February, A. D., 1895.

Firemen's Relief Fund.

An Act to create "Firemen's Relief Fund" and to increase the efficiency of the Fire Department in the several towns and cities in North Carolina.

Section 1. That every fire insurance company, corporation or association doing business in any incorporated town or city in North Carolina that has, or may hereafter have, a regular organized fire department under the control of the Mayor and City Council or other government body of said town or city, and which has in serviceable condition for fire duty, apparatus and equipments amounting to one thousand dollars or more, and which enforces the fire laws to the satisfaction of the Insurance Commissioner, shall return to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of North Carolina a just and true account of all premiums collected and received from all fire insurance business done within the corporate limits of such towns and cities during the year ending December thirty-first, or such portion thereof as they may have transacted such business in such towns and cities. Such returns to be made within sixty days from and after the thirty-first day of December of each year; provided, that this act shall not apply to any insurance corporation or association which invests three-fourths of its capital in North Carolina securities.

Sec. 2. That every fire insurance company, corporation or association, as aforesaid, shall within seventy-five days from December thirty-first of each year, deliver and pay to the State Insurance Commissioner the sum of fifty cents out of and from every one hundred dollars, and at the rate, upon the amount of all premiums written on the fire and lightning policies covering property situated within the incorporated limits of such towns and cities during the year ending December thirty-first in each year or for such portion of each year as said company, corporation or association shall have done business in said towns and cities.

Sec. 3. Every such company, corporation or association shall make accurate returns of all business done, both on fire and lightning insurance, covering property situated within the limits of

such towns and cities; and in case any fraud, misrepresentation or mistake of any returns, as provided for in this act, be apparent, it shall be the duty of the Insurance Commissioner to investigate such returns and collect the amount which he shall find to be due.

Sec. 4. Every such company, corporation or association aforesaid, which shall knowingly or willingly fail or neglect to report or pay over any of the moneys due on premiums as aforesaid, at the times and in the manner specified in the preceding sections of this act, or shall be found upon examination to have made a false return of business done by them, shall for each offense forfeit and pay the sum of three hundred dollars for the use and benefit of the fire department of such town or city, to be recovered in civil action in the name of the town or city.

Sec. 5. The Insurance Commissioner shall pay over the money so collected from the insurance companies, corporations or associations, as aforesaid, in the several towns and cities in the State, having, or that may hereafter have, organized fire departments as provided in section one of this act, to the Treasurer of each town or city, to be held by him as a separate and distinct fund, subject to the use of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund in each town, or city, composed of five members, resident of said town or city, as hereinafter provided for, to be used by them for the purpose as named in section six of this act.

See. 6. In each town and city complying with and deriving benefits from the provisions of this act, as per sections one and two, there shall be appointed annually, in January, a local Board of Trustees, known as the Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund, to be composed of five members, two of whom shall be named by the members of the local fire department, two by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen or other local governing body, and the remaining member by the State Insurance Commissioner, all to hold office for two years, or until their successors are appointed, and to serve without pay for their services. They shall immediately after appointment organize by electing from their members a chairman and a secretary and treasurer, which last two positions may be held by the same person. The said treasurer of the said Board of Trustees shall give a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the Insurance Commissioner, for the faithful and

proper discharge of the duties of his office. The Board thus organized shall have entire control of the funds derived from the provisions of this act, and shall only disburse the said funds for the following purposes:

(1). To safeguard the men in active service from loss of time from their daily work, occasioned by sickness contracted or injury received while in the performance of their duties as firemen upon such conditions as are now in force or may hereafter be adopted by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

(2). To provide a reasonable support for those actually dependent upon the services of any fireman who may lose his life in the fire service of his town, city or State, either by accident or from disease or injury contracted by reason of said service. The amount to be determined according to the earning capacity of the deceased.

(3). To safeguard any fireman who has honorably served for a period of ten years in the fire service of his city or town from ever becoming an inmate of any alms-house or actually dependent upon charity.

Sec. 7. The Board of Trustees, as above constituted, shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and distributed by them, and shall at the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association render an itemized statement of the same, for publication in the annual report, a copy of which report shall be made annually to the State Insurance Commissioner; and in case any Board of Trustees in any of the towns or cities benefitted by this act shall neglect or fail to perform their duties, or shall wilfully misappropriate the funds entrusted to their care or shall neglect or fail to report at the annual meeting of the State Association, then shall the Insurance Commissioner withhold any and all further payments to such Board of Trustees, or to their successors, until the matter has been fully investigated by an officer of the State Firemen's Association and adjusted to the satisfaction of the State Insurance Commissioner. And it is further provided that should such payments be unadjusted for a period of fifteen months from the time when such payment would otherwise have been made, then the Insurance Commissioner shall pay over the said payment to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association to be used by the said Association, as a general relief fund

for the purpose of assisting any local Board of Trustees where bona fide claims for benefits arising under purposes one and two of section six shall have exceeded the income arising from the local one-half per cent. tax.

Sec. 8. The Clerk of any city, town, village or other municipal corporation having an organized fire department shall, on or before the thirty-first day of October in each year, make and file with the Insurance Commissioner his certificate, stating the existence of such department, the number of steam, hand or other engines, hook and ladder trucks, and hose carts in actual use, the number of organized companies, and the system of water supply in use in such departments, together with such other facts as such Insurance Commissioner may require, on a blank to be furnished by him. If the certificate required by this section is not filed with the Insurance Commissioner on or before October thirty-first, in any year, the city, town or village so failing to file such certificate shall be deemed to have waived and relinquished its rights for such year to the appropriation herein provided for.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of supervision and a guaranty that the provisions of this act shall be administered in a business-like manner, it is provided that every department enjoying the benefits of this law shall be a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and comply with its Constitution and By-Laws. And it is further provided by each town or city from the provisions of this act shall be turned over to the said State Firemen's Association for general purposes.

Sec. 10. Inasmuch as there are in a number of towns and cities in this State fire companies composed exclusively of colored men, it is expressly provided that the local Board of Trustees shall make no discrimination on account of color in the payment of benefits.

Sec. 11. All laws or parts of laws in conflicts with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three time, and ratified this 9th day of March, A. D., 1907.

RESOLUTION.

Winston-Salem, N. C., August 5, 1914.

Protest coming up to be heard, the same being filed by Capt. Waller of the Burlington Department, against the Morehead Department, in the Horse Hose Wagon Contest of the above date, and after hearing evidence on the same rendered the following verdict, which verdict was rendered by the judges named below: That the Morehead Department failed to properly connect at the nozzle, and therefore time is not allowed.

After the above decision was rendered the following resolution was adopted: After hearing the most trustworthy evidence, we, a majority of the judges in the Horse Hose Wagon Contest, do decide that while we are satisfied that the Morehead team made the time given them by the timekeepers (28 3-5 seconds) that they must be barred from being given first place, through the violation of the rules governing said contests, by the nozzleman failing to properly connect the nozzle with the hose.

Judges: Chas. A. Walker, F. T. Harper, A. A. Kafer, R. G. Jones, H. T. Tooker, J. C. Kennedy, C. S. Waller, C. W. Conner, F. C. Stewart and M. W. Haynes.

TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

Winston-Salem, N. C., August 4, 1914.

Gentlemen: I move, as a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, that our Constitution and By-Laws, be so amended, as to allow the Chairman of the Local Firemen's Relief Fund to become members thereof, with the privilege to be derived, the same as any member of this Association.

Offered in convention assembled by D. D. Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount, and referred to the Executive Committee of the Association, for action at the next Convention.

Horse Hose Wagon Contests.

August 5, 1914, 2 o'clock, p. m.

TIMERS.

R. C. Taylor, Chas. Schnibbens, Chris Bodenhamer.

JUDGES.

F. T. Harper, M. L. Hall, R. G. Jones, C. S. Wallace, Jr., J. R. Ingram, M. W. Haynes, H. H. Tooker, C. B. Yates, C. W. Connor, J. W. McGuine, F. C. Stewart, J. C. Kennedy, Chas. O. Walker.

TEAM.

TIME, in Seconds.

Burlington	-----	30 3-5
Kinston, No. 2	-----	35
Morehead City	-----	0
Newbern, No. 1	-----	31 3-5
Sanford	-----	35
Fayetteville	-----	35
Tarboro	-----	32 2-5
Fourth Ward	-----	32 3-5
Lexington	-----	39 2-5
Statesville	-----	37 2-5
Atlantic No. 1	-----	32 1-5
Riverside	-----	31 3-5
Caswell No. 1	-----	0

150 Yards Hand Reel Contest.

August 6, 1914, 10 o'clock a. m.

TIMERS.

R. C. Taylor, Chris Bodenhamer, J. W. Thurman.

JUDGES.

A. T. Sweat, B. C. Cannada, F. W. Ross, M. O. Shank, W. J. Hatley, J. H. Dorton.

TEAM.

TIME, in Seconds.

Spencer Shop Team	-----	0
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Chapel Hill	-----	24 4-5
Morganton	-----	35
Salisbury	-----	25 2-5
East Spencer	-----	0
Concord	-----	29 4-5

Grab Reel Contest

August 6, 1914, 11 o'clock a. m.

Same Judges and Timers.

TEAM.	TIME, in Seconds.
Spencer Shop Team	19 2-5
Chapel Hill	0
Morganton	0
Salisbury	0
East Spencer	19 3-5
Concord	20 1-5

150 Yards Interstate Hand Reel Contests.

August 7, 1914, 10 o'clock, a. m.

TIMERS.

R. C. Taylor, Chris Bodenhamer, J. W. Thurman.

JUDGES.

F. W. Ross, S. A. Earnhardt, B. C. Canada, A. T. Sweat, J. H. Dorton, M. O. Shank.

TEAM.	TIME, in Seconds.
Morganton	28 4-5
Spencer Shop Team	26 1-5
East Spencer	26
Concord	29 3-5
Chapel Hill	24 1-5
Salisbury	25 3-5

Interstate Grab Reel Contest.

August 7, 1914, 11 o'clock a. m.

Same Judges and Timers as above.

TEAM.	TIME, in Seconds.
Morganton	20 4-5
Spencer, Shop Team	0
East Spencer	18 3-5
Conecord	19
Salem	0
Chapel Hill	18 2-5
Salisbury	0

Interstate Horse Hose Wagon Contest

August 7, 1914, 2 p. m.

TIMERS.

R. C. Taylor, Chris Bodenhamer, J. W. Thurman.

JUDGES.

J. C. Kennedy, W. L. Wallman, F. C. Stewart, A. R. Hancock,
M. P. Alexander, B. F. Royal, T. T. Lassiter, F. P. Wooten, T. E.
King, A. A. Kafer, E. P. McClever.

TEAM.	TIME, in Seconds.
Caswell No. 1	38 4-5
Lexington	0
Tarboro	33 1-5
Fourth Ward, Newbern	32 1-5
Newbern No. 1	31 4-5
Atlantie No. 1	31 3-5
Statesville	36 2-5
Kinston No. 2	35 3-5
Burlington	32 2-5
Riverside, Newbern	32 4-5
Morehead	29 4-5
Sanford	39 3-5

Records.

LONG DISTANCE.

1907—Raleigh -----	245 feet and 8½ inches
1908—Wilmington -----	130 feet and 1 inch
1909—Newbern -----	178 feet 4½ inches
1911—Charlotte -----	168 feet 9 inches
1912—Goldsboro -----	216 feet

QUICK STEAM.

1907—Goldsboro -----	2 minutes and 37 3-5 seeconds
1908—Newbern -----	2 minutes and 56 seconds
1909—Newbern -----	2 minutes 3 seconds
1911—Newbern -----	2 minutes and 59 3-5 seconds
1912—Goldsboro -----	8 minutes 48 2-5 seconds

HORSE HOSE WAGON CONTEST.

TEAMS.	TIME, in Seconds.
1907—Asheville, No. 2 -----	29 4-5
1908—Eclipse, Goldsboro -----	31 1-5
1909—Asheville, No. 1 -----	26 1-5
1910—Kinston -----	29
1911—Newbern, No. 1 -----	26 2-5
1912—Newbern, No. 1 -----	33 2-5
1913—Newbern, No. 1 (Riverside) -----	30 3-5
1914—Burlington -----	30 3-5

HAND REEL CONTESTS.

TEAMS.	TIME, in Seconds
1907—Salem -----	26 3-5
1908—Southside, (Chestnut Hill) -----	25
1909—Speneer -----	23 3-5
1910—Southside, (Chestnut Hill) -----	23 1-2
1911—Southside, (Chestnut Hill) -----	22 3-5
1912—Chapel Hill -----	25
1913—Chapel Hill -----	24
1914—Chapel Hill -----	24 1-5

GRAB RACES.

TEAMS.	TIME, in Seconds.
1907—Southside, (Chestnut Hill)	19
1908—Salem	17 3-5
1909—Spencer	17 4-5
1910—Spencer	17
1911—Spencer	16 4-5
1912—Southside, (Chestnut Hill)	18
1913—Spencer (Shop Team)	17
1914—Chapel Hill	18 2-5

Order of Business.

- 1 Call to order.
 2. Presentation of Credentials.
 3. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
 4. Read the Minutes of the Previous Meetings.
 5. Collection of Dues.
 6. Report of Officers and Committees.
 7. Report of Board of Trustees.
 8. Miscellaneous Business.
 9. Memorial Service.
 10. Volunteer Reports of Fire Organizations.
 11. Election of Officers.
 12. Unfinished Business.
 13. Adjournment.
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Honorary Members.

Geo. G. Cumming, Secretary Virginia State Firemen's Association, Portsmouth, Va.

- Hon. J. L. King, Greensboro, N. C.
Hon. J. J. Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.
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Miss Lillian Brown, Greensboro, N. C.
Hon. Theo. F. Kluttz, Salisbury, N. C.
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S. H. Fishblate, Wilmington, N. C.
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